

Services Available

Nursery: Child care is provided during the Worship Gathering. Our workers are screened and will be wearing a name tag to identify them as volunteers of FBC. The Nursery is located on the second floor, in the room directly across from the stairs. If your child is nervous you are welcome to stay with them. Please register at the Welcome Desk in the Library. Never leave your child in a room unattended. Indicate where you will be seated in case you are needed.

Joy Time: Children are welcome to every service. During the Worship Gathering, children have a time during which they may go to their age appropriate service as indicated in the bulletin. This normally includes children up to grade five. Visitors are asked to accompany your child to their program to know where they will be during their class, and to introduce your child to the leader of their class. Please register at the Welcome Desk in the Library.

The Worship Gathering: begins in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. and runs to 11:45am.

Coffee Fellowship: immediately following the Worship Gathering down in the Ward Hall. A time to meet and catch up with your church family over a hot/cold beverage and snacks.. All are welcome!

Weeknight Bible Studies & Prayer: Mondays at 10 am and **Wednesdays** from 7 to 8 p.m. (on-line or in the Timpany Room). Bring a Bible and join in on the interesting studies. You are welcome to come and listen, or take part in the discussions as you feel comfortable.

Library: We have an up to date library which is used by a great number of our congregation and also by members of the community. You are welcome to borrow books and fill out the card in the front of the book for our reference. Come and check out the newest titles. There is a great children's assortment, plus DVD's to be borrowed.

Deacon's Prayer: The Deacons and Elders meet in the sanctuary for prayer Mondays @ 9 a.m.

Men's and Ladies Study Groups: study groups will be offered on a regular basis and details will be in the bulletin regarding registration and times of groups.

Washrooms: A men's washroom is located at the entrance door as you turn left toward the downstairs. There is a women's washroom down those stairs on the lower level across from the Ward Hall door. A wheelchair access washroom on the main level may be reached by going to the right through the door beside the Pastor's study. There is a women/child's and a men's washroom upstairs, to the left as you arrive at the top of the stairs. These are located through the door, down two steps and to the left.

Special Services: We normally have three special services throughout the year. These include a Christmas Eve service, a Passover Thursday evening service and a Good Friday morning service at Easter. Watch for times of services in the church bulletin and local paper. All are welcome.

Deacon Care Ministry: To ensure that everyone in our church family have a connection to the church, we have a team of Deacon Care Givers who call the congregation on a regular basis to offer any assistance that may be needed, to relay any messages from the Church family as a whole and to encourage each person in their walk of faith and ministry. These care givers each have an assigned Deacon with whom they keep contact to relay any prayer requests or needs within the church family. If you wish to be on a care givers list, please note that on your visitor card, or speak to one of the Deacons or Pastor.

Kid's Discovery 2-5pm: Saturday Morning, once a month **Youth Groups—6:30pm:** Friday's twice a month Gr. 5-9 **Outlet** Check the bulletin and FBC Facebook page for updates on plans and events.

Keenagers: Senior's over 55 the 2nd and 4th Tuesday be announced on a monthly basis.

Pastor: Pastor David Stead came to FBC in October of 2013. Pastor David enjoys visiting. If you wish to speak with or have a visit from the pastor, please call the church office.

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*A PLACE TO . . .
BELONG . . .
BELIEVE . . .
BECOME . . .*

**Welcome to our Worship Service today.
We are glad you could join us.**

We are pleased to acquaint you with our worship practices and beliefs.

We have been an established church in the Smiths Falls area since 1833 and have seen many changes to our congregation and our facility throughout this period. However, we endeavour to keep the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the same for all time.

Communion Sunday: If you are visiting here on a Communion Sunday, (usually the first Sunday of the month), please join with us in taking communion. You do not have to be a Baptist to take communion with us as this is the Lord's Table. If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour you are welcome at His table. The Pastor leads the service, and the Deacons pass the elements to the congregation. They will bring the trays to the ends of the pews and you are asked to take your bread or cup and then pass it on to the person beside you. The Pastor leads us in partaking of the symbols. For any who have allergies, there is also water provided on the trays with the grape juice.

Offering: As our guest, it is not expected that you contribute to the offering. We, as a congregation, practice tithing. You may wish to use this opportunity to put your visitor's card on the offering plate.

Special Needs: If you have a special need and require assistance, please speak to an usher who will address your need as quickly as possible.



OUR VISION

*To impact hearts and lives with
the Gospel of Christ
in the Church, in the community
and Beyond*

OUR MISSION

*To reach people with the Gospel
To inform them that they matter to God
To introduce them to Jesus Christ*

Missional Core Values:

To be driven with a passion for:

1. The Great Commandment Matt 22:37-40
2. The Great Commission Matt 28:18-20
3. The Great Commitment Acts 1:8
4. The Great Community Acts 2:42-47

As a Purpose Driven Church Family

We exist:

To Celebrate God's Presence	Worship
To Demonstrate God's Love	Ministry
To Enjoy God & God's Family	Fellowship
To Educate God's People	Discipleship
To Go and Make Disciples	Evangelism

Discipleship Classes: If you are interested in becoming a member of First Baptist Church Smiths Falls, you are asked to speak to the Pastor or one of the Deacons. There are classes offered to those seeking to know more about joining the church, or about Believer's Baptism, or for those who wish to learn more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

*Find here your place to belong,
define what you believe
and discover what you can become.
Everyone Matters to God*

What We Believe and Practice

1. We believe the **Bible is the Word of God**, and as such it is our **sole authority** .

II Tim. 3:15 "The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong with our lives; it straightens us out and helps us to do what is right."

Since God's Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority, we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is "What does the Bible say?" We practice daily Bible reading, Bible study, and Bible memorization. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

2. We believe the Bible teaches the **autonomy of each local church**.

Col. 1:18: "Christ is the head of his Body, the church. He is the source of the Body's life. . . "

Christ is the recognized head of our church, not any person, group or religious organization. While recognizing the value of associating and cooperating with other groups of Christians, we believe every local church should be self-governing and independent from any denominational control. In relating to our "daughter churches" that we might plant, we encourage each congregation to determine it's own strategy, structure, and style.

3. We believe the Bible teaches the **priesthood of every believer**.

Rev. 1:6 "Christ loves us, and by his death he has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve God."

I Peter 2:9 "You are . . . The King's priests. . . God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God."

The Bible teaches that every Christian is called to "full time" Christian service, regardless of his or her vocation. We practice the truth that every believer is a minister by encouraging every member to find a place of service and ministry. Every believer has direct access to God through prayer and Bible reading.

4. We believe the Bible teaches the act of **Tithing**.

Lev. 27:30 "A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord, it is holy to the Lord."

At our church, we practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving. Tithing should be the starting point not the stopping point.

5. We practice **believers baptism by immersion**.

Col. 2:12 "For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ. . . "

We practice baptism by immersion under water—the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible commands."

6. We believe in **Spirit-led living**.

John 15:5 [Jesus said] "I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; but apart from me you can do nothing."

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God's power within us. So we seek to practice a daily dependence on God's Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

Phil 2:13, Eph 5:18

7. We believe in **telling others about Christ**.

I Peter 3:15 "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

It is the responsibility of every Christian to share the Good News with those God brings us into contact with. We practice personal sharing about Christ and inviting friends to church.



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