

2023 STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN



FIRST BAPTIST
Riverdale



**A HEART FOR
THE PEOPLE
OF RIVERDALE**

HEART

First Baptist Church of Riverdale looks like our community. Every Sunday people of all races and ethnic groups join together to worship God in Spirit and truth. Then we go out into the community with a heart's desire of blessing the people around us. Come and join our welcoming community of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ!

VISION

Matthew 5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

MISSION

The mission of First Baptist Church of Riverdale is to love God, to love one another, and to love our neighbors as Christ loves us.

The members of First Baptist Church of Riverdale seek to...

...love God through worship and discipleship.

...love God by loving other people through evangelism and service.

...love God by loving one another in a fellowship of care and compassion.

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Prayer

- Prayer Time Bible Study - Every Thursday at 2 p.m.
- Email Prayer Partners - Weekly requests sent every Monday.
- Church-wide Prayer Emphasis - Several times per year.
- Time of altar prayer right before Sunday service.
- Prayer box in the sanctuary to collect prayer requests.
- Prayer requests printed in the weekly church bulletin.

Ministry Evangelism

- Build a DNA of community ministry evangelism.
- M25 for Spring 2023 - Dates: April 22, May 20 and June 10.
- Community Ministry Task Force - Expand on M25 Emerald Point Apartments ministry model by determining "What's next?"
- Focus on outreach at community gatherings in the park.
- Baptist Mobile Health partnership.
- Literacy teaching and support opportunities.
- Distribute Christmas food boxes to needy families.
- Compile and vet a list of support services for people in need.
- Organizations in our facilities - 4 churches + AA & NA groups.

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Discipleship

- Start new classes - Nursery, Toddlers, Children, 30-40 age.
- Continue prospective members luncheons.
- Teach new believers the foundational principles of faith.
- Workshop for individuals to discover their spiritual gifts.

Fellowship

- Create a culture of caring for each other.
- Quarterly fellowship gatherings - Typically after Sunday service.
- Increase focus on creating and growing small groups.
- Encourage serving together in our community outreach.

Worship

- Continue to improve the music and worship experience.
- Improve the worship center technology.
- Improve our music and message video experience online.
- First Impressions - Create a visitor's center.
- First Impressions - Create a new visitor's packet.

Leadership

- Call the next senior pastor - Once he is in place, call a music minister and youth minister.
- Expand the deacons - Add at least two new deacons. Create guidelines in writing that include deacon description, qualifications, and expectations. Guidelines should detail how deacons are chosen, trained and ordained.
- Continue to fill vacant volunteer leadership positions.

Implementation

- Improve tracking of who is working on initiatives and how.
- Create a chart showing positions that need to be filled.
- Create expectations and accountability for those serving.
- Provide a response card for people to sign-up for ministry initiatives, email list, calling posts, prayer team, etc.
- Promote the importance of generosity to fund these 2023 strategic initiatives.

Get Involved!

To get involved and experience the joy of giving and serving, simply complete the response card included with this booklet to let us know your area(s) of interest. We will provide you with everything you need to become a part of what God is doing!

You can also reach us through the different channels listed on the back cover of this booklet.



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