



**First Baptist**  
POTTSBORO

## **State of The Church 2017**

**The mission of First Baptist Pottsboro is to *make disciples*.**

**In the following documents, you will receive statistical reports on how well we accomplished our mission in 2016, as well as strategies for improvements in 2017.**

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**Sunday Mornings @ 9:30a**

**Stephanie Faubion | Toddlers-PreK | Nursery**

**Meagan Hunter | K-1<sup>st</sup> Grades | Room E108**

**Kortney Kelso | 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room E106**

**Krystal Kemp | 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room E104**

**Student Team | 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades | Youth Room**

**Eddie Gossett | Adults | Fellowship Hall**

**Sammy Brown | Adult Men | Room 103**

**Janie Hood | Adult Women | Room 105**

**Wednesday Nights @ 6:30p**

**Meagan Hunter | FBC Kids K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades | KIDS Room**

**Jenna Toland | PreTEENS 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades | Room E104**

**Craig Olson + Team | Kindle Students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades | Sanctuary**

**Josh Burton | Adult Discussion Group | Fellowship Hall**

**Mondays + Fridays @ 6:00a**

**Josh Burton | Men's Discipleship Group | Pastor's Office**

**Every Other Tuesday @ 6:30p**

**Meagan Hunter | Women's Discipleship Group | Fellowship Hall**

**For more info on Discipleship Groups:  
[fbcpottsboro.com/getconnected](http://fbcpottsboro.com/getconnected)**

## 2017 Goals

### Pastoral Ministry (6 Team Leaders)

- **Strengthen the Ministry Teams developed in 2016**
  - Increase # of volunteers on those teams
  - Develop secondary leaders inside of the teams
- **Increase community outreach through the Connections/Missions Team**
  - Focus on areas (neighborhood/school/apartment/etc.) to have influence over

### Student Ministry (9 volunteers)

As we look forward to 2017 with much excitement and anticipation, we do so with gratefulness and gratitude to Victor and Trish for all they have done for this ministry to bring it to where it is now. As the group becomes team-led, this brings about changes and some growing pains. Neither change nor pain is enjoyed by anyone, but we will walk through this by faith and not by sight knowing God is in control. We will be able to look back and praise Him for all that He will have done. What a wonderful opportunity to participate in His plan for this ministry and the lives it touches.

The **Kindle Student Ministry Team** has already had multiple meetings in preparation for all 2017 is going to bring; we even got a head start by having a party on New Year's Eve! We are planning many other events and activities throughout the year, both at the church and away, in addition to our usual Easter retreat and summer camp.

We thank you for your support and covet your prayers for the students as well as the leaders. May God bless this ministry and kindle a fire that spreads throughout the community and beyond.

#### **In Christ, Kindle Student Ministry Team**

Karmen Burton, Meagan Hunter, Troy + Genni Kelso,  
Craig + Kristin Olson, Josh + Lisa Shields, Jenna Toland

**Kindle Students** – Starting in the teenage years, there is often an identity crisis that teenagers struggle with. We are there to help the students of Pottsboro and throughout Texoma to identify themselves in Christ. With that being said, it is very important to have people that pour into the students' lives. If you have a heart for students, you can sit down and talk to one of our Student Ministry Team members about how you can get involved. Kindle Students meet on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. You can contact our *Student Ministry Team* at [fbcpottsboro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fbcpottsboro@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

- **Lead with a sustainable Ministry Team**
  - Function as a committee
  - Plan events for students
- **Build a welcoming and fun environment for students**

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- Incorporate games on Wednesday nights
- Plan fun events off campus
- **Double the size of our student attendance**
  - Encourage the students to invite
  - Develop a presence at Pottsboro schools
- **Have a visible spiritual growth in students**
  - Sunday morning focus is on going deeper in the Word
  - Teach more systematic theology
  - Once-a-month service opportunity provided by the Connections/Missions Team
  - Take student leaders to Super Summer (student leadership camp)
- **Fundraise earlier in the year**
  - Develop ongoing fundraisers that run all year long

### **Children's Ministry (4 Discipleship Group Leaders, 7 Nursery Volunteers)**

**FBC KIDS** – If you enjoy working with babies, preschoolers or elementary kids, and have a heart to help them follow Jesus, then FBC Kids has a place for you. You can help lead a Wednesday night discussion group, volunteer in the nursery, teach a Sunday morning Discipleship Group, or serve in Children's Church. FBC Kids meet on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings before service, and Sunday during the sermon. If you're interested, contact our *Children's Minister*, **Meagan Hunter**, or email her at [meagan@fbcpottsboro.com](mailto:meagan@fbcpottsboro.com).

- PERSONAL GOALS
  - **Continue to improve in communication with teachers/volunteers and parents**
  - **Continue to have lessons prepared months ahead of time**
  - **Focus on prayer more with kiddos**
  - **Be open to change, new ideas, and progress**
- NURSERY
  - **Add a secure digital check-in system**
  - **Add weekly volunteer to facilitate check-in system**
  - **Add another consistent paid worker**
- TEAM BUILDING
  - **Develop consistent meetings**
    - Once a month
  - **Open evaluation/feedback between team volunteers/teachers**
  - **Have passionate volunteers who are consistent**
    - Attendance, preparation of lessons, etc.

- 5 + 6 FOCUS
  - **Have a consistent class and teacher**
  - **Develop a program that prepares PreTEENS for a transition into Youth Ministry**
  - **Coordinate lock-in with Student Ministry Team**
- EASTER OUTREACH
  - **Advertise the event earlier and to more people**
- VBS
  - **Better organization**
  - **Lay out volunteer responsibilities**
  - **Have advanced meetings and training**
  - **Have volunteers signed up to bring food for VBS volunteers in advance**
  - **Advertise the event earlier and to more people**
- CAMP
  - **Have sign ups done in advance**
  - **Fundraise earlier in the year**
  - **Offer payment plan for parents**
  - **Offer a Day Camp for kids who can't attend Camp Copass**

### **Music Ministry (7 volunteers)**

Music is one of the most vital parts of any service – the people that lead are responsible for directing the congregation in worship of the Lord. If you are a gifted musician and love the Lord, then you should contact our Music Minister to audition for our Worship Band. We practice on Wednesday nights after Discipleship Groups and on Sunday mornings before Discipleship Groups. Contact our *Music Minister, Jenna Toland* or email her at [jenna@fbcpottsboro.com](mailto:jenna@fbcpottsboro.com) for more information.

- **Fill band positions**
  - Find a keyboard player
  - Add another drummer
  - Add a male vocalist
  - Add another harmony
- **Go over the Ministry Covenant with Worship Band**
- **Add a music intern**
  - Someone to lead alongside of Jenna on Sundays/Wednesdays
  - Someone to replace Jenna when out on vacation, etc.

- **Add another experienced sound technician for rotation**
- **Build a Youth-led worship team for Wednesday nights**
- **Find a Children’s music leader for Wednesday nights**
- **Have an active Youth Choir**
  - Minimum of 10 students
  - Bi-weekly practice
- **Buy 4 wireless microphones (approx. \$800)**
- **Build a Worship Choir**
  - Adults + students
  - Minimum 10 people
  - Sings once a month (or more)
- **Reduce song list**
  - Approximately 25 per quarter

### **Guest Services (4 volunteers)**

Every weekend, greeters, ushers, parking people and friendly people in the congregation help people have an amazing experience at First Baptist. If you’ve got a nice smile and want to welcome new people, then guest services is for you. Guest Services also oversees connecting with first-time guests during the week after they attend and also providing security for our facilities. Find our *Guest Services Team Lead*, **Karmen Burton** and she will let you know how you can help. You can also send an email to [rdmdbychrist@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmdbychrist@yahoo.com)

- **Streamline 2016 goals**
  - Greet first time guests and make them feel welcome
  - Distribute first time guest gifts
  - Maintain a running total of attendance
  - Ensure guests find seating easily (through ushers)
  - Provide information about the church at the Welcome Center
  - Have ushers do the offering
- **Add 6 more greeters/ushers**
- **Find someone to contact first time guests**
  - Via phone call and/or postcard

### **Connections Ministry (1 volunteer)**

Connections is all about finding people in the church that are not connected – maybe they need to be introduced to a Discipleship Group, or maybe they have a gift or talent that isn’t being used because they’re not informed on ways they can serve. This team does just that – they connect people to the body of First Baptist and encourages them to reach out to the community! If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you can

contact our *Connections Ministry Team Lead*, **Lisa Shields** or shoot her an email at [lisa.shields07@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa.shields07@yahoo.com).

- **INREACH**
  - **Have more Connections Events**
    - Some church-wide
    - Some based on age group
    - Some free (house party)
    - Some cost involved (top golf)
  - **Combine the 20-40 + 40-50 age groups**
  - **Host a church wide Women's Luncheon and Paint Party on April 22**
  - **Increase # of volunteers on ministry teams and at events**
    - Personally inviting people to be involved in certain events (Billy Vier, etc.)
  - **Work closer with Guest Services**
  - **Send cards to members who have not been attending on a regular basis**
  - **Develop a Connections Corner**
    - Includes a blackboard with the month's calendar, available classes, outreach opportunities, etc.
    - Move Coffee bar from Welcome Center to Connections Corner
    - Spotlight members bi-weekly in Connections Corner
  - **Revamp the New Member recognition board**
  - **Begin a Baby Shower and Diaper Sprinkle process for expecting mothers that are members**
- **OUTREACH**
  - **Continue delivery of baked goods and invitation to services**
    - Focus on businesses/schools in Pottsboro
  - **Give volunteer opportunities to the congregation (not specific to Pottsboro)**
    - Feeding the needy
    - Gathering supplies for the homeless
    - Organization outreach parties (apartments, etc.)

### **Care Ministry (6 volunteers)**

Our Care Ministry is a ministry of encouragement. Our church body has grown so much that Pastor Josh cannot go visit every person that is in the hospital, is a shut-in, or that is grieving the loss of a loved one. The Care Ministry is the hands and feet of Jesus by

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visiting these people, singing to them, praying for them, encouraging them, and occasionally bringing them flowers, small gifts, or food. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the *Care Ministry Team Lead, Janie Hood* or send an email to [jchood1954@hotmail.com](mailto:jchood1954@hotmail.com).

- **Use the van when visiting shut-ins**
- **Begin reading scripture to people when visiting**
  - Pertaining to their needs (sick, depression, fear, etc)
- **Partner with Children and Student ministries to make crafts for gift baskets and for shut-ins**
- **Partner with students to visit shut-ins**
- **Partner with children to visit shut-ins and sing/recite bible verses**
- **Successfully have 60+ luncheons**

### **Production Ministry (5 volunteers)**

If you know anything about sound, lights, video or computers, then the Production Team Ministry is the right place for you. You can work lights, run the slides for the music and sermon, set the stage, adjust the video cameras, take pictures or work the sound board. If you are interested, contact our *Media Team Lead, Troy Kelso* or email him at [Troy.Kelso@firstunitedbank.com](mailto:Troy.Kelso@firstunitedbank.com) for more information

- **Add a production intern**
  - Equipped to lead Production Ministry Team
- **New volunteers for all positions (2 additions to each position)**
  - Sound
  - Computer (ProPresenter)
  - Camera/Lights
- **Update speakers in sanctuary**
- **Update stage lighting**
  - On stage LED strips
  - Stage LED lights
- **Upgrade presentation computer**
- **Add a new live video production system**
  - Computer/ipad, multiple cameras, etc.
- **Upgrade internet service**
- **Do more videos**
  - Ministry spotlights, testimonies, etc.
- **Buy recording equipment**
  - Lighting, mics, etc.
- **Add stage pockets**



**Kitchen Ministry (2 volunteers)**

Each Wednesday night, we have a Fellowship Meal – this is a vital part of our Wednesday night ministries. We also provide food for certain special events. It takes a lot to prep the Fellowship Hall, buy the food, cook the food, serve the food, and then clean up afterwards. If you are interested, we would love to have you on our Kitchen Ministry Team. If you are interested, contact our **Kitchen Ministry Team Lead**, *Karmen Burton* or you can email [rdmdbychrist@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmdbychrist@yahoo.com).