



Music Ministries

There comes a time in August when I start to feel excited about my next year of teaching. I tackle the piles of books, tossed aside back in June and start organizing my studio (aka - living room) Left over papers are tossed, new schedules are made up and I might even read a pedagogy book or two.

This year I am also eagerly anticipating a new year in our Church calendar. With that comes some of the same preparation and planning. Worship ministry is exciting for me. I enjoy different styles of music and enjoy figuring out where and how old and new music might fit within our own Church Music Ministry at FBC. This year promises to be an interesting year of various genres of Worship music. From composers like Bill Gaither to Fanny Crosby and Chris Tomlin to Isaac Watts, all will bring a certain focus to the essence of God, His qualities, His great love for us and our love and response to Him and others.

I am excited to see how God will use our worship service to bring us closer together as a church family and as a community of believers. I also look forward to working alongside with all the amazing musicians in our church as well as our usher and audio/visual technicians and perhaps discovering new musical people and others willing to serve in our worship services.

Please feel free at any time to speak to Janyce Baigent or myself about how you might fit into our Worship Ministry at First Baptist.

Psalms 63:5b “with singing lips my mouth will praise You!”

Serving Alongside You,
Janna Baigent – Director of Music Ministries



Pastor Jayden

They say *it takes a village to raise a child*. This old African proverb comes out of a culture in which placing a child at the centre of communal life is not only the norm, but is of great importance. The community assumes responsibility for the raising, development and care of its young and acts as an extension of the child’s immediate family. Wouldn’t it be exciting to see the church of Jesus Christ live in this same way? I believe we caught a glimpse of this picture over the course of our Family Fun Weekend in August. It was amazing to see so many people come together for the sake of those children, pouring blessing into their lives and planting seeds that Lord-willing, will one day sprout to produce fruitful disciples of Christ.

Looking ahead into the approaching Fall season of Youth Ministry, the desire is to see this community of First Baptist Ingersoll assume more responsibility for the raising, development and care of its young, just as the old adage suggests. We ask you to consider how you might get involved in the exciting ministries of FBC Youth in order that our children and youth might be surrounded with love, encouragement and shining examples of what it means to be in Christ. Consider these opportunities:

Do you have a passion for food and serving? Once a month, students gather together for a meal followed by games and fellowship. It is an evening where they are encouraged to bring friends and initiate contact with the church. Volunteering to prepare and serve the meal (or even host them in your home!) allows you to get to know kids and serve them in a way they’ll really appreciate!

Do you have a passion for teaching and relationship-building? Both Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups will begin meeting on Wednesday nights this fall, spending the first hour together playing games and the second hour split into small groups (one Jr. High and one Sr. High).

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During these small group times, leaders will journey alongside students through small group curriculum, discovering truth and applying it to their lives. Walking together with students in this way is a real honour and blessing and not as scary as it might sound. Consider what God might do in and through you as you open yourself up to what He is doing amongst our youth.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 says this: *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.* ⁵ *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.* ⁶ *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.* ⁷ *Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

This Fall, consider how you might more intentionally 'do life' alongside our youth. Let's together, become that village that it takes to raise a child.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 7 - Youth Meal Night (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Sat. Sept. 10 - Canada's Wonderland (8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Wed. Sept. 14 - Youth (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Wed. Sept. 21 - Youth (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Fri. Sept. 23 - Youth Event (TBD)

Wed. Sept. 28 - Youth (6:30-8:30 p.m.)



The Deacon's Board Outlook

The Deacon's Board has been working very closely with Pastor Shawn to look at the current programs provided in our Church and discussing ways to improve or suggest changes as the Lord leads us.

Discussions for the future have been ongoing with no final recommendations or decisions being made to date for new programs or changes to existing ones.

Some of the discussion items underway are:

1. Group training sessions for the Deacons and their spouses. Will start this fall.
2. The establishment of a Group Bible Study programs in the homes in place of the Wednesday Night Bible Study.
3. Looking at the Committee structure currently in place to see if there is a better way to bring to the table a more coordinated way of running our various programs and the administration of the Church affairs.
4. The Board has completed and approved a Terms of Reference document for the appointment of Pastor Emeritus.

The Board intends to become more proactive along with Pastor Shawn and the Lord's leading to bring new ministry initiatives to enhance the growth of our Church, both spiritually and in numbers. Pray with us for a God led revival for our Church and our Town in the years to come.

Blessings,
Ted Hunt, Chair
Deacon's Board



Sharing Committee

Isaiah 54:2

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch you tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.” These words indicate growth, and as a Sharing Committee we are looking ahead to growth. A church involved in Missions will be blessed with growth. As we honour God, He will honour us.

In April of this year we started to pray and discuss the possibility of a Missions Trip from our church to Rwanda in 2012. Also an involvement with the STEP program was discussed.

In July Pastor Shawn graciously accepted the leadership for the Rwanda Mission Trip as the Deacon’s Board gave the approval.

For September the Sharing Committee has organized the program for the Round-Up weekend. The date for that is September 10th & 11th.

There is going to be a bus trip on Saturday leaving the church at 12:15 p.m. for the DONNELLY MUSEUM in Lucan followed by a visit to the General Store in Birr, and a BBQ at 6:00 p.m. here at the church.

Sunday September 11th will be the start of Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with a breakfast and some games; followed by an exciting Church service.

Looking ahead to the Fall, we will finalize the Rwanda Missions trip.

We are also looking forward to having Sam Chase (CBM General Secretary) coming to speak to us November 27th.

All in all it will be an exciting time ahead for our First Baptist Church.

Bonnie Hunt



Pastor Shawn



In my own personal devotions, I’ve just begun reading in Exodus—a book, I confess, I do not go to often enough. The book begins with the Israelites finding themselves entering into slavery to the Egyptians and it says, "The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out" (Exodus 2:23). A difficult time for the people of God! But what is most exciting about this verse is it continues with, "and their cry for help because of their slavery **went up to God.**"

We have such a wonderful and gracious God who is attentive to His children! God hears us! In James 4:8 we read, "come near to God and he will come near to you." Let me encourage you to stop in your busy schedule each day this fall and spend time with the Almighty God. Spend time reading His word and take the time to let our Lord speak to you!

As we look ahead, God has been leading in wonderful ways! This fall we as a church family will be beginning a sermon series entitled Knowing God, in which we will study the names of God such as "The Lord Our Provider" and "The God Who Sees". We are also looking forward to a visit from Sam Chase, the new Canadian Baptist Ministries General Secretary. Pray to the God who hears us for the preaching of the Word!

Recently, we have been exploring and talking about developing a small group ministry for our church family. A ministry where prayer, support, encouragement and growth can be found with our brothers and sisters in Christ. God has led us to a small group study called *Experiencing God*. This study focuses in on how we as followers of Christ can look to our Lord to lead us, knowing that God is at work among us!

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This coming January, we are looking to launch various small groups, all focusing in on the same study—allowing us the privilege of growing together in small groups and studying a unified theme! Pray to the God who hears us as we continue to grow as His disciples!

We are excited as well about the upcoming missions opportunity. This is an opportunity for our church family to fulfill the great commission to go into all the world and make disciples. For those who God leads to join this trip, it will certainly not be a holiday, but rather a chance to grow in their relationship with God and develop their skills for being missionaries both in Rwanda and back here in Canada and to reach people with the message of Christ! This is a chance for each and everyone one of us to take part whether it be through prayer, encouragement, joining the missions team or, as God leads and provides, through financial support! Pray to the God who hears us for mission!

Our God hears us when we pray. Does that cause you to be filled with wonder? The God of the universe, the creator of all that is... He hears us. Pray to Him, call out to our Lord. As we approach this fall and into this next year, seek the Lord and allow Him to lead you and work in your life and in our church family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roundup Weekend Sept 9-11

Christianity Explored Sept 18- Nov 27

“Knowing God” Sermon Series



Worship Service Opportunities:

- *Choir for all ages - Every Thursday Night at 7:30 p.m.*
- *Ladies and Men's Ensembles*
- *Youth Worship Team*
- *Instrumental Ensembles*
- *Drama*
- *Audio/Visual Technicians*
- *Ushers*
- *Sanctuary Design Team*

Upcoming Calendar:

Sept. 9-11 “Round-up Weekend”

Sept. 18 “Knowing God” Sermon Series begins

Sept. 18 @5:00 p.m. Christianity Explored begins

Oct. 9 Thanksgiving -Ted Comiskey, Guest Music

Oct. 16 John Klein-Geltink, from Operation Sharing

Nov. 27 Sam Chase - Guest Speaker CBM

Dec. 11 Joe Carney & Deborah Ball from YFC

Dec. 11 @ 7:00 p.m. Chapelaires

Dec. 24 @ 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25 @10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service