

Connections

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First Baptist Church Haughton Louisiana

Connections One

I. Welcome

A. Group introductions

B. Purpose of the Connections class

-**Purpose:** to introduce new members and prospective new members to First Baptist Haughton while clearly communicating expectations and opportunities for spiritual growth.

II. Who We Are

(Acts 1:8).

A. FBCH history

B. Vision

Vision ~ that the world m_____ know Christ through Haughton

Mission ~ We exist to _____ those who aren't here, to teach those who are, to lift up _____, as we do life together.

C. Ministry Staff

-Pastor~ Dr. Gevan Spinney

-Equipping Pastor~ Dr. Scott Sullivan

-Ministry/Missions Pastor~ Mark Hagerhjelm

-Worship Pastor~ Scotty Gibson

-Minister to Children and Young Families~ Teresa Small

-Children's Ministry Associate~ Brigette Lowery

-Student Minister~

-Student Minister Associate~ Blake Lewis

-Media Director~ Hunter Brobst

D. Southern Baptists (Basic Southern Baptist Beliefs)

III. Charting Your Spiritual Journey

A. What is the Gospel?

Romans 3:23... all have _____

Romans 6:23... wages of sin is death

Romans 5:8... while ____ were still sinners, Christ died for us

Romans 10:9... confess w/ your ____ Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart...

Romans 10:13... everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved

B. Prepare To Tell Your Story

-Please turn in your written testimony to pastor

HOMEWORK – Complete personal conversion story and read chapters 1-3 in *"I am a Church Member."

Basic Southern Baptist Beliefs

You become a Southern Baptist by uniting with a Southern Baptist church, one in friendly cooperation with the general Southern Baptist enterprise of reaching the world for Christ. Typically, church membership is a matter of receiving Jesus as your Savior and Lord and experiencing believer's baptism by immersion.

Southern Baptists have prepared a statement of generally held convictions called The Baptist Faith and Message. It serves as a guide to understanding who they are. Copies are available at Southern Baptist churches. The topics here provide only a brief, partial summary. The full text on the issue discussed is also available on this website.

The Scriptures

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

God

There is one and only one living and true God. ...The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

God the Father

God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. ...God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. ...He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. ...He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. ...He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Man

Man is the special creation of God, in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. ...By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. ... The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Salvation

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.

The Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

Baptism & the Lord's Supper

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. ...It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members ... memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Evangelism & Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations... to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

The Lord's Day

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. ...It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion.

Last Things

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. ...Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly...the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell. ...The righteous... will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Education

The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence ... there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. ...The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Stewardship

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions.

Cooperation

Christ's people should ... organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. ...Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations.

The Christian & the Social Order

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society... in the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death...

Religious Liberty

Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. ...A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal.

Family

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. ... The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation... Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage.

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Core Values

How we will behave as we carry out the Mission to achieve the Vision.

Evangelism

We will do anything short of sin to reach people who do not know Christ.

To reach people no one is reaching we will need to do things no one else is doing.

Faith

We are faith filled, big thinking, bet the farm, risk takers. We will never insult God with small thinking and safe living.

Excellence

We always bring our best. Excellence honors God and inspires people.

Integrity

We will honor Christ and His church with integrity. If we live with integrity nothing else matters. If we do not live with integrity, nothing else matters.

Generosity

We will lead the way with intentional generosity. We truly believe it is better to give than to receive.

Service

We are spiritual co-laborers not spiritual consumers. The church does not exist for us we are the church and we exist for the world.

Laugh

We will laugh hard, loud and often. Nothing is more fun than serving God with people you love.

Sacrifice

We give up things we love for things we love even more. It is an honor to sacrifice for Christ and His church.

Discipleship

We will make disciples who make disciples. Accomplishing the mission depends upon a multitude of disciples not a handful of professionals.

Advance

We will follow the lead of the Holy Spirit. We honor yesterday while boldly moving toward tomorrow.

First Baptist Haughton Louisiana
Connections Class Two ~ The Body of Christ

I. Welcome

A. Introduction and sessions overview

Session #1- Knowing Christ (the gospel and who we are)

Session #2- Body of Christ (the church)

Session #3- Serving Christ (opportunities to serve and connect)

Session #4- Sharing Christ (responsibilities, communication, facilities tour)

**Give member books to each participant as they enter the room.*

B. Purpose of the Connections class

-Purpose: to introduce new members and prospective new members to First Baptist Haughton and to give clear member expectations and opportunities for growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

HOMEWORK: turn in personal testimony.

II. Review *I Am A Church Member*

CHAPTER 1

1. *Are any members of the church more important than others?*

-All _____ are necessary parts of the whole (p.12)

2. *What does church membership mean?*

3. *Is the building the "church" or are church members the church?*

4. *What should you do when experiencing church conflict?*

5. *Can a person be a biblical Church member and not give and serve?*

-Biblical church membership is "functioning membership".

PLEDGE-I choose to be a _____ church member who gives, serves, ministers, evangelizes, studies, and blesses others. I will remember that "if one member suffers, all the members suffer."

CHAPTER 2

1. *Who is responsible for keeping unity and peace in the church family?*

-You/I have b_____ responsibility to keep unity (p.23)

2. *You are a witness.*

3. *How is forgiveness related to unity within the church?*

-Biblical church members serve with a forgiving heart. **Col 3:12-14.**

PLEDGE-I will seek to be a source of unity and not division.

CHAPTER 3

1. *What's the difference between church membership and membership at the Country Club?*

-*Country Club*: pay dues & expect privileges, perks, others serve me.

-*Church membership*: give generously, serve faithfully, accept responsibilities, and sacrifices joyfully.

2. *What model do we see presented on page 39 that church members should follow? The _____ of Christ, Phil 2:5-11.*

PLEDGE-I will not let my church experience be about my preferences and desires. I choose the mind of Christ. My Savior went to the cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences of style and preference.

II. Disciple-making Vision

A. Strategic Objectives

-The FBCH disciple-making *vision* is to make disciples who make disciples.

-The FBCH disciple-making *mission* is to make disciples who make disciples by following Jesus' model: preaching to the masses (John 6:1-15), modeling a disciple's life in small groups (Matt. 10:2-4), investing intimately a select few (Matt. 17:1-13), spending one on one time with the Father (Luke 6:12), then deploying disciples to live a transformed life as they go make disciples among the nations (Matt. 28:19).

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Everyone (100's)

Real Life (12-15)

Uninhibited (3-4)

Private (alone w/ God)

Transformed (multiplication)

B. Take the Online Spiritual Gift Assessment and Note Your Scores

VIDEO: Perspective Change

C. Introduce Sunday Morning Bible Study & Ministry Leaders

D. Closing prayer

- **HOMEWORK** - Complete the online Spiritual Gift Discovery and read chapters 4-6 in the "*I Am a Church Member*" book for next Sunday discussion.

**First Baptist Haughton Louisiana
Connections Class Three ~ Serving Christ**

I. Welcome and Review of I Am A Church Member (chapters 4-6)

VIDEO: What If Starbucks Marketed Like A Church

A. Introduction and overview of the four sessions

Session #1- Knowing Christ (the gospel and who we are)

Session #2- Body of Christ (the church)

Session #3- Serving Christ (opportunities to serve and connect)

Session #4- Sharing Christ (responsibilities, communication, facilities tour)

B. Purpose of the Connections class

-Purpose: to introduce new members and prospective new members to First Baptist Haughton and to give clear member expectations and opportunities for growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

II. I Am A Church Member Review (Chapters 4-6)

A. Chapter 4- "I Will Pray For My Church Leaders."

1. I Tim 3:2

***What does that mean and is it even possible?**

*** How can you encourage your pastor/staff?**

2. Why is it important your pastor and staff stand strong and not fall?

I Tim 3:7...

PLEDGE-I will pray for my pastor and staff regularly.

B. Chapter 5— "I Will Lead My Family To Be Healthy Church Members."

1. How does the biblical teaching of the log and the speck in Matthew 7 apply to church membership?

2. What is the biblical teaching of leadership in the home from Eph 5:22-26?

PLEDGE: I will lead my family to be good church members. We will pray together For our church. We will worship together in our church.

C. Chapter 6— "I Will Treasure Church Membership As a Gift"

1. How does the gift of salvation relate to the gift of church membership?

I Cor 12:27-28 "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. And God has placed these in the church."

2. TRUE or FALSE... Healthy church membership means you find your joy in being last, instead of seeking your way and being first?

III. FBCH Service Opportunities

A. Membership Expectations

B. Service Opportunities

C. FAQs

1) Who do I call if I have questions concerning...

-Hospitals, prayer list, weddings, church calendar, general questions,

rachel@fbchaughton.org

-Financial info., Amanda McDaniel ~ Amanda@fbchaughton.org

-Children's ministry, Teresa Small ~ Teresa@fbchaughton.org or

brigitte@fbchaughton.org

-Student ministry, Blake Lewis ~ blake@fbchaughton.org

-Music ministry, Scotty Gibson ~ scotty@fbchaughton.org

-Life Groups, CLU, Journey Groups, Scott Sullivan ~

scott@fbchaughton.org

-Missions experiences or Ministry needs, how to connect with a service team, Mark Hagerjhelm ~ mark@fbchaughton.org

2) How do I find out about upcoming events.

-website, church facebook, call church office 318-949-2441, or contact your Sunday morning life group leader.

- HOMEWORK – Complete the “Member Profile” sheet.
- Participants, please contact Dr. Scott scott@fbchaughton.org if you have not confirmed a Sunday morning life group to connect with as soon as the Connections class concludes.

First Baptist Haughton Louisiana **Membership *Expectations***

- I have personally and consciously repented and placed my faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and expressed this commitment to trust and follow Jesus in water baptism (immersion).
- I am making a conscious and ongoing commitment to do my best to support the mission, vision, and values of the church.
I will do my best to support the testimony of the gospel and my church family
- By inviting those unconnected with a church to attend (Luke 14:23)
- By looking for ways to share my faith in Jesus Christ with others (Matthew 28:19-20)
- By praying for the church's growth in spirit and numbers (1 Thessalonians 1:1-3)
- By warmly welcoming those who visit church activities (Romans 15:7)
I will do my best to live with devotion for God
- By regular attendance at the Sunday Celebration assemblies (Hebrews 10:23-25)
- By personally trusting and following Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord and by holding to the core of my faith (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 13:3-5; Galatians 1:6-9)
- By developing a growing personal relationship with God through prayer, Scripture study, and obedience (Psalms 1; 1 Peter 1:13-16)
I will do my best to support and be supported by others in the church
- By regular participation in my life group (Acts 2:42-47)
- By focusing on love as Jesus' central command (John 13:34-35)
- By refusing to gossip or speak ill of others – or even to listen to such things (Ephesians 4:29)
- By seeking reconciliation with other members when conflict or interpersonal problems arise (Matthew 5:21-26; 18:15-20; Ephesians 4:26-27)
I will do my best to grow in Christlikeness
- By picking up my cross and following Jesus in my daily life (Mark 8:34-37)
- By studying Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14-4:4)
- By attending church-sponsored seminars (2 Peter 1:5-10)
- By calling my life group leader or one of the church leaders when I need a visit or help (James 5:14-16)
- By living a godly life and being accountable for any serious or ongoing sinful patterns in my life (Matthew 18:15-18; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Galatians 6:1-2)
I will do my best to be a minister of Jesus Christ through my church
- By regularly giving back to God a portion of my financial blessings (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- By discovering my gifts and talents and using them in the church (1 Peter 4:10)
- By being equipped by my leaders to serve (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- By developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:3-4, 7)

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FBC Haughton Helpful Ministry Websites

First Baptist Church Haughton: www.fbchaughton.org

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association: www.nwlba.org

Louisiana Baptist Convention: www.lbc.org

Southern Baptist Convention: www.sbc.net

Focus on the Family: www.focusonthefamily.com

Bible Gateway, bible study research tool: www.biblegateway.com

Blue Letter Bible, bible study research tool: www.blueletterbible.org

I am Second: www.iamsecond.com

Family Ministry website: www.focusonthefamily.com

Men's ministry: www.mensfraternity.com

Women's ministry: www.proverbs31.org

Preschool/Children's Ministry – Thank you, ahead of time, for your willingness to serve in the Children's Ministry area. To help better protect our children, youth and adults with special needs, we require that everyone complete a background check. Go to the link below to complete the application.

www.ministryopportunities.org/fbchaughton

*We will be adding to this list as our ministry database grows.

*You can find youth ministry resources listed on the student ministry portion of fbchaughton.org.

**First Baptist Haughton Louisiana
Connections Class Four ~ Sharing Christ
Connections Class Survey**

1. What is the church's vision statement?
"that the world may know Christ through _____."

2. What is the church's mission statement?
"We exist to _____ those who aren't here, to teach those who are,
to lift up _____, as we do life together."

3. What are your top spiritual gifts listed from your assessment?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

4. Name 5 other people in your connections class?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

5. Who are the staff associated with the following responsibilities?
 - a. Pastor _____
 - b. Equipping _____
 - c. Administrator/Missions _____
 - d. Children _____
 - e. Youth _____
 - f. Worship _____
 - g. Media _____

6. What Life Group do you plan to attend next Sunday?

7. List the ministry team you plan to join:

8. Anything you would suggest to increase the effectiveness of this class?

- Please turn in your Survey today or email it to scott@fbchaughton.org
- We look forward to all God will do in and through you as you connect with FBCH, a disciple-making church!

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Church Membership Information

Date: _____

Full Name: (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms.) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Marital Status: __Single __Married Single Again__ Widow__

Check appropriate commitment:

- Salvation
- Assurance of salvation
- Baptism
- Church membership by letter
- Church membership by statement
- Reaffirmation of Lordship (recommitment)
- Commitment to church vocation
- Other: _____

Church letter from: _____

Questions or information you want pastor/staff to know: _____

Member Profile Sheet

Name _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

Based on the Spiritual Gifts Inventory you completed, what are your top three spiritual gifts?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

What is your passion? What do you love to do?

1. _____ 2. _____

Where do you feel the Holy Spirit leading you to serve Him?

Life Group Ministry Opportunities

- Life Group Leader
 - Age Group _____
- Life Group Leader– Substitute
 - Age Group _____
- Special Needs Leader
- Special Needs Coordinator
 - Age Group _____
- Life Group Leader Roles
 - Administrator
 - Inreach
 - Outreach
 - Prayer
 - Ministry/Missions

Student Ministry

- Chaperone Events
- Organized Mass Chaos
- Wednesday Night Counselor
- Lead Bible Studies
- Share Your Testimony
- Praise Band Wednesday Night
- Christmas Hayride
- Help with 5th Quarter Fellowship
- Valentine Banquet
- Mission Trip Chaperone
- Bus/Van Driver
- Other _____

Education/Outreach Ministries

- Minuteman Sunday Morning Gift Delivery
- Minuteman Coordinator
- Wednesday Night Connection Team Coordinator
- Wednesday Night Connection Team volunteer
- Christian Life University (CLU) Coordinator
- Christian Life University (CLU) Facilitator
- Other _____

Media & Music Ministry

- Adult Choir
- Adult Ensemble
- Instrumentalist
- Sound Board
- Lights operator
- Camera Operator
- Pro-presenter Operator
- Children's Choir
- Other _____

Children's Ministry

- Worship Care
- Team KID
- Children's Choir
- Vacation Bible School
- Organized Mass Chaos
- Bible Drill
- Teach Life Group
- Sunday Morning Check-in Station
- Camp Chaperone
- Missions and More Chaperone
- Bus/Van Driver
- Other _____

Bus Ministry

- Driver
 - Sunday AM
 - Wednesday PM
- Children Events
- Youth Events
- Adult Events
- Senior Adult Events
- Special Events
- Other _____

Public Relations

- Photography
- Video
- Social Media
- Proofreader
- Graphic Design
- Other _____

Fellowship Ministry

- Event Coordinator
- Event Support
 - Set up
 - Decorating
 - Serving
 - Trash
 - Cleaning
- Bereavement Meals
- Cook/Prepare/Grill
- Other _____

Missions Ministry

- ACTION
- The HUB
- Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission
 - Downtown
 - Zion Ridge Men's Facility
- Local Mission Projects
- Mission Arlington
- Baton Rouge Missions – Renew
- New Orleans Missions - Refuge
- Mexico Missions - MITC
- Kenya Missions - Compel
- East Asia Missions - IMB
- Prison Ministry
- Disaster Relief
 - Feeding Team
 - Mudout Team
 - Chainsaw Team
- Prayer Team
- Counseling Team
- Baptistery Team
- Footprints
- Other _____

HOST Team

- Greeter Team
- Usher Team
- Visitor Escort Team
- Information Team
- Medical Team
- Law Enforcement Team
- Parking Lot Team
- Sentinel Team

Women's Ministry

- Heart-to-Home
 - Sister (Children in Home)
 - Mom (No children/ No Children in Home)
- Event Set-up
- Women's Retreat

Men's Ministry

- Men of Courage
 - Set up
 - Clean
- Friday Morning Men
- Tuesday Prayer and Bible Study

Recreation

- Big Buck
 - Set up
 - Clean
- Family Fun Day Events

Other Areas Not listed

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Personal Conversion Story

Please turn in to Pastor

Or email rachel@fbchaughton.org

Name:

I. My life before I met Jesus:

II. Circumstances surrounding my conversion experience:

III. What God is doing now:

IV. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your walk with God (prayer, read Bible, attend Services). 10 being the highest score.

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Disciple-Making Strategy
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TRANSFORM (MOTOR HOME)

Jesus launched transformed disciples to GO
and make transformed disciples.
Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 9

T

PRIVATE (TREEHOUSE)

Jesus spent one-on-one time
with God the Father.
Lk. 6:12-13; Mk. 14:32-42

P

UNINHIBITED (OUR HOUSE)

Jesus modeled discipleship with
three (Peter, James, & John);
Closed groups; Mt. 17:1-13; Mk. 14:33-34

U

REAL LIFE (CLUB HOUSE)

Jesus invested discipleship in small
groups (disciples, synagogue) 12
Open group; inviting; connect guests
better; Mt. 10:2-4; Mk. 3:14-19; Acts 20:20

R

EVERYONE (BIG HOUSE)

Jesus preached to large groups (100's)
shared interests/vision; less personal;
Jn. 6:1-15; Mk. 1:14-22

E





Spiritual Gifts Discovery Assessment

Instructions

Respond to each statement below according to the following scale:

- 3—consistently/frequently true
- 2—occasionally true
- 1—infrequently true
- 0—rarely true

Place your score in the box on page 5 that matches the statement number. When you've answered each statement, total up your scores for each lettered column—you will be adding up four numbers in each letter's column. Determine your highest three scores. The answer key on page 6 reveals the name of each gift by letter. Write down your top three gifts in the gift profile section.

1. People often ask me for spiritual or personal advice.
2. I can effectively explain God's Word to others.
3. I receive pleasure when caring for others.
4. I can speak God's Word so that others turn from sin.
5. I can feel the pain of suffering people and try to help them in their recovery.
6. I can inspire others to achieve their goals.
7. People often ask me about the meaning of a particular Scripture or biblical truth.
8. I often ask people for their prayer requests so I can pray for them.
9. I enjoy using my home as a place to minister to others.
10. I prefer to work "behind the scenes" on a project or program.
11. I generously give to people in need or to programs, and I receive joy in doing so.
12. It's easy for me to trust God to answer my prayers.
13. I can explain the Gospel message to others so that it's understood.

14. I usually look for the best in people.
15. I can tell the difference between spiritual truth and false teachings.
16. I enjoy the details of planning events and tasks and organizing groups.
17. I'm a good problem solver and can find solutions often overlooked by others.
18. I enjoy personal Bible study and research, knowing that the information I present can affect someone's eternity.
19. I desire to help wandering believers get back on the right path.
20. I'm compelled to confront people with the truth of God's Word.
21. I have patience when it comes to helping people get their life back on track after a crisis.
22. Helping communicate a vision is one of my strengths.
23. It's easy for me to share my Bible knowledge with others.
24. I often lose track of the time when I pray and believe God gives me special insight in knowing what to pray about.
25. I like to meet new people and help them feel comfortable in new surroundings.
26. I don't mind doing repetitive and routine work if it supports the ministry of my church.
27. God has given me extra financial resources so that I might be able to generously support the church.
28. Even during difficult circumstances, I have confidence that God will provide assistance and resources to get me through.
29. I like to develop relationships with non-Christians in order to share the Gospel with them.
30. I am able to encourage and reassure others.
31. My first impression of people is usually accurate.

32. I organize work in a thorough and detailed manner.
33. I can select the best solution that is needed to resolve an issue.
34. I carefully note, review, and evaluate the material that is taught by others.
35. I like to give holistic guidance to help people with any need or problem they may have.
36. I'm willing to go against the current cultural trend and philosophy if it is not supportive of biblical principles.
37. I enjoy helping people who are often seen by others as dysfunctional, "high maintenance," or hopeless.
38. I can relate well to others in order to help them reach their full potential.
39. I often schedule time when I can read and study Scripture so that I gain biblical truth and insight.
40. I feel as though I am ministering to others when I pray for them.
41. I believe God directs people to me who are in need of friendship and community.
42. I enjoy taking on those little jobs at church that no one else seems to want to do.
43. I am able to give more of my money to church because I can save and manage my resources well.
44. I know that God will help me accomplish anything he sets before me.
45. I can help people connect to the Gospel so it applies to their needs.
46. I enjoy sharing the promises of God so that others may receive hope.
47. I can spot a "phony" when others may be deceived by their actions.
48. I can establish goals and objectives in order to achieve results.
49. I can usually determine the outcome of a person's lifestyle choices.
50. I enjoy a systematic approach to Bible study.

51. I am able to provide long-term care to those who need my support.
52. I feel the need to correct people when their actions are wrong or contrary to God's Word.
53. My heart goes out to hurting people.
54. I enjoy goal-setting and leading people to accomplish their goals.
55. I usually discover biblical insights when studying Scripture, which helps others better understand God's Word.
56. When I hear about a crisis or someone in need, I feel an urgency to pray.
57. I can create an accepting environment in any setting where people feel at home.
58. I like to use my learned skills to help out with whatever job needs to be done.
59. I often limit my lifestyle options so I can give my church a higher portion of my income.
60. I trust God in circumstances where success cannot be guaranteed by human effort alone.
61. I enjoy asking people to make a faith commitment to Jesus.
62. I take pleasure in encouraging people who may be doubtful in their faith.
63. I usually see things as black or white, right or wrong.
64. I am able to identify and utilize the resources necessary to complete a task.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment Score Sheet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
Totals:															

My Gift Profile:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name _____

Date _____

Answer Key

- A. Wisdom
- B. Teaching
- C. Shepherding
- D. Prophecy
- E. Mercy
- F. Leadership
- G. Knowledge
- H. Intercession
- I. Hospitality
- J. Helps
- K. Giving
- L. Faith
- M. Evangelism
- N. Encouragement
- O. Discernment
- P. Administration

Gifts Key

Gift	Question Numbers
A. Wisdom	1, 17, 33, 49
B. Teaching	2, 18, 34, 50
C. Shepherding	3, 19, 35, 51
D. Prophecy	4, 20, 36, 52
E. Mercy	5, 21, 37, 53
F. Leadership	6, 22, 38, 54
G. Knowledge	7, 23, 39, 55
H. Intercession	8, 24, 40, 56
I. Hospitality	9, 25, 41, 57
J. Helps	10, 26, 42, 58
K. Giving	11, 27, 43, 59
L. Faith	12, 28, 44, 60
M. Evangelism	13, 29, 45, 61
N. Encouragement	14, 30, 46, 62
O. Discernment	15, 31, 47, 63
P. Administration	16, 32, 48, 64

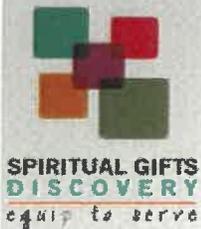


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Spiritual Gift Assessment and Ministry Matcher

The Spiritual Gift of Administration

Ad



Gifts in Action
Aaron, Moses' brother, demonstrated this gift. God used him to execute the details of the departure plan when the Israelites left Egypt for the Promised Land. Moses provided the visionary leadership, and Aaron made it happen!

Definition

The gift of Administration is the God-given ability to understand what makes an organization function and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the group or organization.

Scripture References for Administration

- 1 Corinthians 12:28
- Acts 6:1-7
- Exodus 18:13-25

People With This Gift Like to...

- Develop strategies or plans to reach identified goals.
- Organize people, tasks, or events.
- Assist ministries to become more effective and efficient.

Characteristics of People With Administration

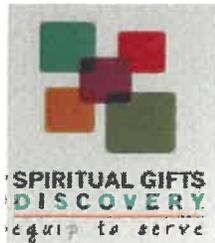
- Thorough
- Objective
- Responsible
- Organized
- Goal-oriented
- Efficient
- Conscientious

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Administration

- Member of a planning team, committee, or board
- Administrative assistant
- Event organizer
- Chairperson of a group
- Data management

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The Spiritual Gift of Discernment

Definition

The gift of Discernment is the God-given ability to distinguish between truth and error. It is being able to discern the difference between good and evil, right and wrong, truth and deception.

Gifts in Action

While on a mission trip in Philippi, Paul met a slave girl who was earning money for her owner by predicting the future. Paul was able to discern that her ability was not from God but an evil spirit. This gift helped him expose the deception that led people to believe in fortunetelling and superstition.

Scripture References for Discernment

- 1 Corinthians 12:10
- Acts 5:1-4
- Romans 9:1

People With This Gift Like to...

- Identify deception in others with accuracy and appropriateness.
- Sense the presence of ungodly forces.
- Recognize inconsistencies in a biblical teaching or message.

Characteristics of People With Discernment

- Perceptive
- Insightful
- Intuitive
- Sensitive
- Truthful
- Decisive

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Discernment

- Member of a decision-making team, committee, or board
- Church officer or board of directors member
- Counseling
- Advisor to those who make ministry decisions

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Gifts in Action

Barnabas, a respected leader of the early church, was nicknamed "son of encouragement." He traveled with Paul on his first missionary journey. He supported, encouraged, and affirmed Paul when others sought to harm him. When we encourage others, it builds them up to utilize their full potential for ministry.

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The Spiritual Gift of Encouragement

Definition

The gift of Encouragement is the God-given ability to present words of comfort, consolation, and encouragement so as to strengthen or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

Scripture References for Encouragement

- Romans 12:8
- Acts 11:22-24
- Acts 15:30-32

People With This Gift Like to...

- Comfort others to trust and hope in the promises of God.
- Motivate others to grow in personal and spiritual development.
- Urge others to action by applying biblical truth.

Characteristics of People With Encouragement

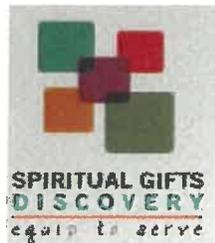
- Positive
- Motivating
- Affirming
- Reassuring
- Supportive
- Trustworthy

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Encouragement

- Visiting the sick or elderly
- Counseling
- Hospitality team member
- Prayer ministry

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Gifts in Action

John, the son of Zebedee and brother of James, worked actively with Peter in missionary events and travels after the death of Jesus. He actively shared his faith during his travels. Five books of the New Testament are believed to have been written by John, showing how his efforts to evangelize extended to his writing as well.



The Spiritual Gift of Evangelism

Definition

The gift of Evangelism is the God-given ability to effectively communicate the Gospel to nonbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.

Scripture References for Evangelism

- Ephesians 4:11
- Acts 8:5-6
- Acts 14:21

People With This Gift Like to...

- Communicate the message of Christ with clarity and conviction.
- Seek out opportunities to talk about spiritual matters with those outside the Christian faith.
- Participate in conversations that allow for questions and dialogue about God.

Characteristics of People With Evangelism

- Sincere
- Candid
- Influential
- Confident
- Commitment-oriented

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Evangelism

- Outreach events
- Mission trips
- Activities which involve people who are new to the Christian faith
- Personal faith-sharing in conversational settings

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Missions Team, Counseling, Life Group Class Outreach Leader, Camp Counselor, VBS Counselor, Wednesday Night Youth Counselor, Journey Group Leader, Bus Ministry



The Spiritual Gift of Faith

Definition

The gift of Faith is the God-given ability to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill his purposes.

Gifts in Action

Lois, the grandmother of Timothy, was known for her great faith. Paul's letter to Timothy commended her for raising him in a home that demonstrated sincere belief. Living your faith in daily life impacts the spiritual growth of others. (2 Timothy 1:5)

Scripture References for Faith

- 1 Corinthians 12:9
- 1 Corinthians 13:2
- Romans 4:19-21

People With This Gift Like to...

- Act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles.
- Advance the mission of Christ because they'll step out in action when others are doubtful.
- Ask God for what is needed and have complete trust that those needs will be met.

Characteristics of People With Faith

- Prayerful
- Optimistic
- Trusting
- Assured
- Inspiring
- Hopeful
- Positive

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Faith

- Prayer ministry
- Teaching the Christian faith
- Children or youth leader
- Mission work

Prayer Team, Benevolence Team, Bereavement Team,
Post Service Counseling, Leading Life Group,
Christian Life University Facilitator

The Spiritual Gift of Giving

Definition

The gift of Giving is the God-given ability to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and generosity.

Gifts in Action

Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, demonstrated this gift at a supper for Jesus in Bethany. She donated a very expensive jar of perfume to pour on the feet of Jesus as an act of love and devotion. Her sacrificial giving was criticized by Judas who selfishly wanted to keep the money. Mary's act of giving provided comfort and support to the One who gave his life for us all. (John 12:3-8)

Scripture References for Giving

- Romans 12:8
- 2 Corinthians 6:8
- Luke 21:1-4

People With This Gift Like to...

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to donate as much of their resources as possible.
- Meet tangible needs so that spiritual growth in others can develop.
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts in order to advance the work of the church.

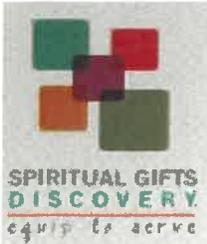
Characteristics of People With Giving

- Resourceful
- Responsible
- Stewardship-oriented
- Charitable
- Disciplined

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Giving

- Provide support for missionaries
- Establish trust accounts and foundations to provide ongoing resources for ministry
- Share testimonies of how God has provided for your needs
- Assist with fundraising projects

**Benevolence Team, Missions Team, Future Planning Team,
Facilitate Financial Peace CLU Class**



The Spiritual Gift of Helps

Definition

The gift of Helps is the God-given ability to accomplish practical and necessary behind-the-scenes tasks, which frees up, supports, and meets the needs of others.

Gifts in Action

Phoebe was known for her acts of helping and serving. She supported the faith community in any way possible. She was highly regarded in the church, and Paul commended the help she gave him when he wrote his letter to the Romans. (Romans 16:1-2)

Scripture References for Helps

- 1 Corinthians 12:28
- Romans 12:7
- Acts 9:36

People With This Gift Like to...

- Serve behind the scenes wherever needed.
- See the tangible and practical things that need to be done to complete a task or project—and enjoy doing them.
- Associate spiritual value with practical service.

Characteristics of People With Helps

- Willing
- Reliable
- Loyal
- Dependable
- Helpful
- “Whatever-it-takes” attitude

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Helps

- Office helper
- Teacher’s assistant
- Service projects
- Assistance to church visitors

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The Spiritual Gift of Hospitality

Definition

The gift of Hospitality is the God-given ability to care for people by providing friendly reception, food, and lodging.

Gifts in Action

Lydia made her living selling purple cloth and dyed goods in the city of Thyatira. After Paul presented the Gospel she became a believer in Jesus. She volunteered to host Paul and his companions during his missionary journey to Philippi, insisting they stay at her home as long as they wanted. Her gracious hospitality freed Paul from having to find lodging and preparing meals while doing his mission work. (Acts 16:13-15)

Scripture References for Hospitality

- 1 Peter 4:9-10
- Romans 12:13
- Luke 10:38

People With This Gift Like to...

- Provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for.
- Seek ways to connect people together into meaningful relationships.
- Set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings.

Characteristics of People With Hospitality

- Friendly
- Gracious
- Inviting
- Trusting
- Caring
- Responsive
- Warm

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Hospitality

- Host a small group Bible study
- Provide food for church meals (funerals, receptions, special events)
- Serve meals at a local soup kitchen or food pantry
- Be a member of the guest services team (usher, greeter, etc.)
- Prepare coffee for church services and events

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Greeter Team, Fellowship Team, Bereavement Team, Information Center Team, Usher Team, Guest Escort Team, ACTION Ministry, The HUB Urban Ministry, Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, Warrior Network Ministry, Bus Ministry



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Gifts in Action

Zacharias was a priest and the father of John the Baptist. His wife, Elizabeth, was related to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and described as "barren" because she never had a child. Her condition didn't stop Zacharias from praying daily for a child. He prayed for many years until finally, in his old age, an angel announced that he and Elizabeth would have a son. (Luke 1:5-23)

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The Spiritual Gift of Intercession

Definition

The gift of Intercession is the God-given ability to consistently pray on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results.

Scripture References for Intercession

- Romans 8:26-27
- Colossians 1:9-12
- Colossians 4:12-13

People With This Gift Like to...

- Earnestly pray on behalf of someone or some cause.
- Set a daily time to pray for spiritual victories over the challenges and obstacles of life.
- Pray in response to a leading from God, whether understood or not.

Characteristics of People With Intercession

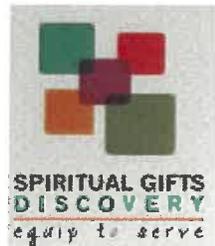
- Advocate
- Sincere
- Trustworthy
- Burden-bearer
- Spiritually sensitive

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Intercession

- Join a prayer group
- Pray for the needs of your congregation and its people
- Become a prayer partner of your pastor or a church leader
- Participate in the National Day of Prayer

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Service Counseling Team, Baptistry Team



The Spiritual Gift of Knowledge

Definition

The gift of Knowledge is the God-given ability to learn, analyze, and uncover insights from the Bible that are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the church.

Gifts in Action

The people who lived in Berea of Macedonia were known for their thirst for biblical knowledge. These "Bereans" were considered "more noble" than the Christ-followers in Thessalonica because they examined Scripture every day to verify what Paul was teaching. They used this gift to provide direction to those who were searching for the true God.

Scripture References for Knowledge

- 1 Corinthians 12:8
- 1 Corinthians 14:6
- 2 Corinthians 11:6

People With This Gift Like to...

- Research the Bible for insight, understanding, and truth.
- Organize information for teaching and practical and personal use.
- Come up with biblical solutions for life's challenges.

Characteristics of People With Knowledge

- Inquisitive
- Observant
- Insightful
- Reflective
- Studious
- Truthful

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Knowledge

- Member of a decision-making team, committee, or board
- Church officer or board of directors member
- Counseling
- Teaching
- Provide research for those who present biblical messages

Life Group Leader, Post Service Counseling Team, Christian Life University Facilitator, Deacon Ministry, Future Planning, Sentinel Team, Law Enforcement Team



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Gifts in Action

Moses was one of the greatest leaders of God's people. God appointed him to free the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt and lead them to the land of promise in Canaan. Moses was successful in his mission despite the challenges he faced from the pharaoh and the doubts and fears of the people he was leading.

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The Spiritual Gift of Leadership

Definition

The gift of Leadership is the God-given ability to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

Scripture References for Leadership

- Romans 12:8
- 1 Timothy 5:17
- Hebrews 13:17

People With This Gift Like to...

- Motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities.
- Take responsibility, cast a vision, and establish goals.
- Provide direction for God's people or ministry.

Characteristics of People With Leadership

- Influential
- Visionary
- Persuasive
- Motivating
- Goal setter

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Leadership

- Team or ministry leader
- Small-group Bible study leader
- Church leadership board or council
- Children or youth leader

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Ministry Leader, Life Group Leader, Mission Team Leader
Christian Life University Facilitator, Future Planning



The Spiritual Gift of Mercy

Definition

The gift of Mercy is the God-given ability to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then demonstrate actions to meet those needs.

Gifts in Action

A man from Samaria became the hero of a story Jesus told to answer the question "Who is my neighbor?" The parable tells of how a man on the road to Jericho was attacked by robbers and left to die. Both a priest and Levite passed by without helping, but a "certain Samaritan" took pity on the wounded traveler and gave him aid. This story demonstrates how those gifted in Mercy have compassion that seeks to help anyone in need. (Luke 10:30-37)

Scripture References for Mercy

- Romans 12:8
- Mark 9:41
- Matthew 25:34-40

People With This Gift Like to...

- Alleviate the source of pain or discomfort in suffering people.
- Concern themselves with issues that cause harm to or oppress people.
- Address the needs of the lonely, neglected, or forgotten.

Characteristics of People With Mercy

- Empathetic
- Caring
- Responsive
- Kind
- Compassionate
- Sensitive

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Mercy

- Hospital or shut-in visitation
- Homeless ministry
- Food bank assistance
- Involvement in recovery programs, prison ministry, or social justice causes

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Gifts in Action

Paul was transformed by God from a persecutor of Christians to a preacher for Christ. During his public ministry he made three missionary journeys in which he challenged people to live more fully for God. Paul drew from his background, training, and life experiences to proclaim the Gospel in such a way that it was easily understood and accepted. He was not afraid to expose the things that were contrary to God's Word. His preaching and writing inspired people to live for Christ.

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The Spiritual Gift of Prophecy

Definition

The gift of Prophecy is the God-given ability to reveal God's truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification.

Scripture References for Prophecy

- Romans 12:6
- 1 Corinthians 12:10,28
- 1 Corinthians 13:2

People With This Gift Like to...

- See a truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond.
- Understand God's heart and mind through life experiences.
- Expose sin or deception in others for the purpose of making things right.

Characteristics of People With Prophecy

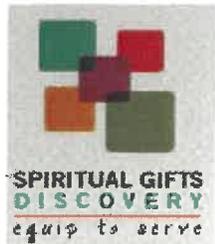
- Discerning
- Compelling
- Uncompromising
- Authoritative
- Confronting
- Convicting

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Prophecy

- Sunday school/Bible teacher
- Spiritual advisor
- Preaching
- Member of a board or council that sets future direction

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The Spiritual Gift of Shepherding

Definition

The gift of Shepherding is the God-given ability to assume long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of an individual or small group of Christ-followers by nurturing and guiding them toward ongoing spiritual maturity.

Gifts in Action

With the rapid growth of the early church, it soon became apparent that help was needed to shepherd the people. One group needing extra attention was the widows. Some felt they were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The disciples selected seven men to be responsible for this group of women. These seven were selected because they were "full of the Spirit and wisdom." They demonstrated the gift of shepherding by establishing long-term care for this select group. The seven men chosen were Stephen, Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch. (Acts 6:1-6)

Scripture References for Shepherding

- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 1 Peter 5:1-4
- 1 Timothy 3:1-13

People With This Gift Like to...

- Provide guidance and oversight to a small group of people.
- Establish trust and confidence through long-term relationships.
- Lead and protect those who are in their care.

Characteristics of People With Shepherding

- Nurturing
- Guiding
- Supportive
- Relational
- Influential

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Shepherding

- Small group leader
- Youth leader
- Sunday school/Bible teacher
- College ministry

Life Group Leader, Christian Life University Facilitator Leader,
Connection Class Follow-up, Journey Group Leader

The Spiritual Gift of Teaching

Definition

The gift of Teaching is the God-given ability to understand, clearly explain, and apply the Word of God in such a way that it is clearly understood by others.

Gifts in Action

Paul took every opportunity to teach, write, preach, and communicate the Gospel. He's the author of 13 New Testament epistles whose content displays his ability for analytical thinking and clear communication. On his first missionary journey, Paul taught at Iconium and "spoke so effectively" that a large number of Jews and Gentiles started believing in God that day. (Acts 14:1-3)

Scripture References for Teaching

- Romans 12:7
- 1 Corinthians 12:28-29
- Acts 18:24-28

People With This Gift Like to...

- Have extended times of study and reflection of God's Word.
- Challenge learners simply and practically with the truths of the Bible.
- Give attention to detail and accuracy.

Characteristics of People With Teaching

- Disciplined
- Perceptive
- Teachable
- Practical
- Analytical
- Articulate

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Teaching

- Bible teacher to children, youth, or adults
- Teacher's assistant
- Small group leader/teacher
- Tutor
- Coach

Life Group Leader, Christian Life University Leader,
VBS Leader, ESL Facilitator

The Spiritual Gift of Wisdom

Definition

The gift of Wisdom is the God-given ability to apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation.

Gifts in Action

Philip, of Samaria, was recognized by his peers as having the gift of wisdom. This led to his selection as one of the seven deacons of the early church to oversee the distribution of food to widows. His service in this area enabled the apostles to focus on their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God. When each person serves in their area of gifting, it helps the church accomplish its mission.

Scripture References for Wisdom

- 1 Corinthians 12:8
- James 3:13-18
- 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

People With This Gift Like to...

- Focus on the unseen consequences in determining the next steps to take.
- Provide God-given solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion.
- Apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways.

Characteristics of People With Wisdom

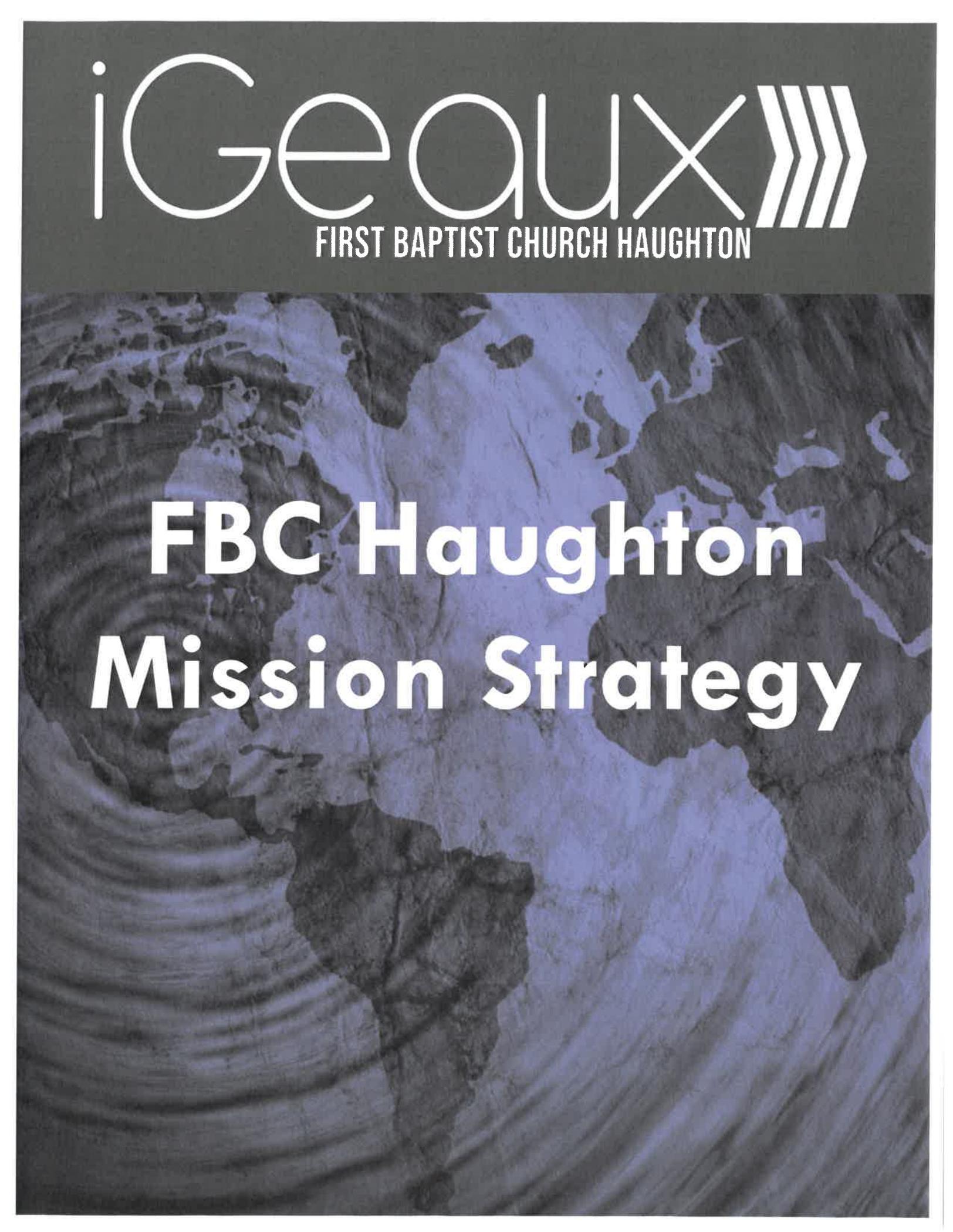
- Sensible
- Insightful
- Practical
- Wise
- Fair
- Experienced

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Wisdom

- Member of a decision-making board or committee
- Counseling; mentoring; coaching
- Spiritual advisor

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Christian Life University Facilitator, Benevolence Team, Post
Service Counseling Team, Marriage Mentoring

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**FBC Haughton
Mission Strategy**



FBC Haughton Mission Strategy

FBC Haughton has embraced an Acts 1:8 strategy for helping the Gospel to reach all “nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues” (Revelation 7:9). We have identified our Jerusalem as Haughton, Judea is Louisiana, Samaria is North America, and End of the Earth is everywhere else. We strive to be intentional with the missions and ministry partners with whom we engage, ensuring their beliefs and our beliefs are aligned. In many cases our missions and ministry partners are interconnected on many levels. For example our connection to Compel Outreach International has connections to our Haughton, Louisiana, North America, and End of the Earth mission. Bill Britt, the founder of Compel, grew up and was saved at FBC Haughton. As an evangelist, Bill preaches across Louisiana, North America, and internationally. Bill has held many evangelism conferences with our North America ministry partner, the Mexican Indian Training Center, in Cordoba, Veracruz, Mexico. Compel also runs an orphanage and school in Webuye, Kenya, which is one of our End of the Earth mission partners. Bill and his evangelism team also host pastor training and evangelism conferences in many difficult areas of the world, the end of the earth.

When introducing potential new mission and ministry partners, we take four things into consideration.

1. Do our beliefs align?
2. How do they fit into God’s strategy to reach all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, and do they fit into the vision God has given FBC Haughton?
3. Do we need additional opportunities in this category at this time?
4. How is God directing us?

Local Mission Opportunities

Haughton



Jerusalem

Local Mission Opportunities

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Local mission opportunities are all around us. They occur at home with family, in your community with friends and neighbors, where you work with co-workers, customers or employees, or anywhere you happen to be. God provides you with divine appointments everyday to help you share His love with people.

We are engaging the growing Hispanic community in Houghton through Sunday morning and Tuesday evening services, in addition to block parties and other outreach efforts. We also help support our community through our local food bank, ACTION, as well as through our other ministry partners: the Warrior Network, the HUB Urban Ministry, and the Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission. There are also monthly church sponsored local mission opportunities to share the Gospel.



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New Orleans has been identified by the North American Mission Board (NAMB) as a strategic Send City, a city with great spiritual need and potential influence throughout North America. New Orleans is a difficult city to reach and the Refuge Church NOLA is in the most difficult place to reach people, the Bywater district.



Refuge Church NOLA

Justin Haynes and his family have been called and gifted to serve God in the Bywater area. The people in the area are very “spiritual” and are seeking fulfillment in many ways, but very few are seeking after Christ. The Refuge Church NOLA hosts teams throughout the year with the purpose of sharing the Gospel to the people in the Bywater area.



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CHURCH



"Too many people are losing the battle with the devil because they're not willing to surrender every area of their life."

- Checkerz



There are more than 600,000 unchurched in the Greater Baton Rouge area, with 370,000 children in school within a 10 mile radius. RENEW Church is a multi-ethnic, intergenerational Church that exists to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. The pastor Checkerz Williams and his wife, Nicole, felt led by the Holy Spirit to plant a church in this rapidly expanding part of Baton Rouge, in an area with few evangelical works.

RENEW Church – Baton Rouge

RENEW Church is developing relationships in the local neighborhoods through block party events and meeting people where they are. They are not concerned about a person's religion, race, sex, age, or socio-economic background. They want everyone to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Family FUN Day



ALL
FREE

@BREC Highland Park

Sat., December 9th

11 am- 2 pm

Find Us
At The
Grand
Pavilion

- FREE FOOD
- GAMES
- INFLATABLES
- GIVE AWAYS

*Come. Enjoy.
Bring The Family!!*



For More
Information:
225-772-7251

Neighborhood Outreach Event

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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MEXICAN INDIAN TRAINING CENTER

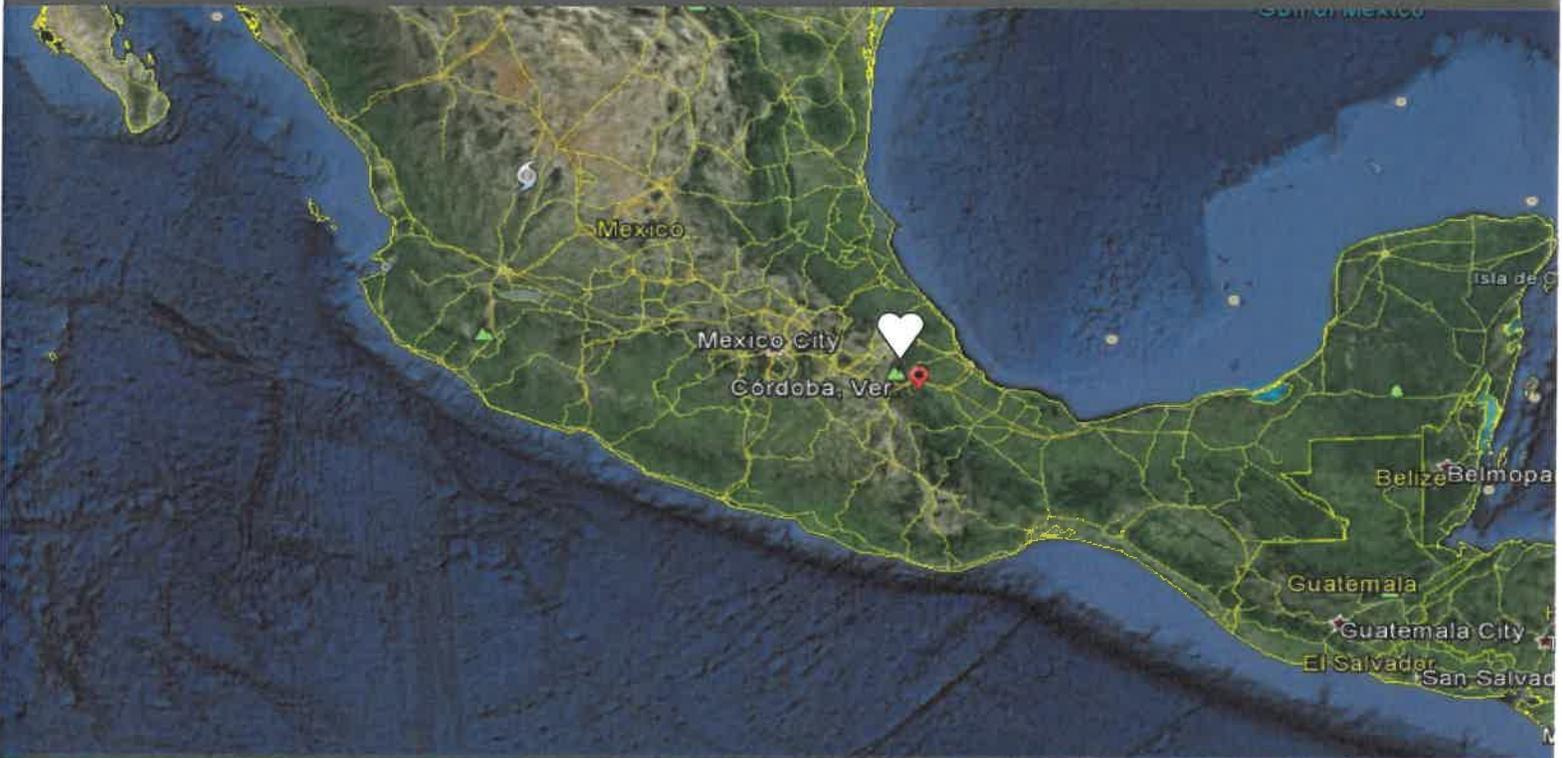


Mexican Indian Training Center
♥ **(MITC)**

Cordoba, Veracruz, Mexico

What is the Mexican Indian Training Center (MITC)?

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The Mexican Indian Training Center (MITC) is a 4-year seminary for students who live primarily in the mountain villages of southern Mexico. The students have classes on the books of the Bible, preaching, and in music. They are also assigned daily chores which help equip them for work in mountain villages. They are assigned to local churches to help learn the ministry and to help serve the local churches. MITC has started more than 200 churches through out southern Mexico since 1956, primarily through meeting physical needs and developing relationships that allow them to share the love of Christ and His Gospel.

Geaux Global Opportunities MITC

We usually take a group in January and one in June each year. In January we take a medical team who will treat patients in Cordoba and surrounding towns, as well as in mountain villages. We also bring a construction team in January to help build churches or help with projects on campus. In June we bring construction teams and VBS teams to help share the Gospel in the orphanages and in local community centers. We serve alongside the MITC students and staff as we minister to people. We love being able to serve with our Hispanic brothers and sisters in the faith, who have become more than people we serve with, but are more like family with whom we are able to do life!



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Compel Outreach International Crosby Home Orphanage END OF THE EARTH

We partner with Compel Outreach International (COI) to help rescue orphans, plant churches, educate children in Christian schools, train local pastors and church leaders, and hold mass crusades.

COI founder, Bill Britt, grew up and was saved in our church. God gave Bill, an evangelist, a vision for bringing the Gospel to the most needy nations of the world. One of the places God led him was to Webuye, Kenya, where he and his wife, Wendy, opened the Crosby Home Orphanage, which now houses close to 200 orphans.

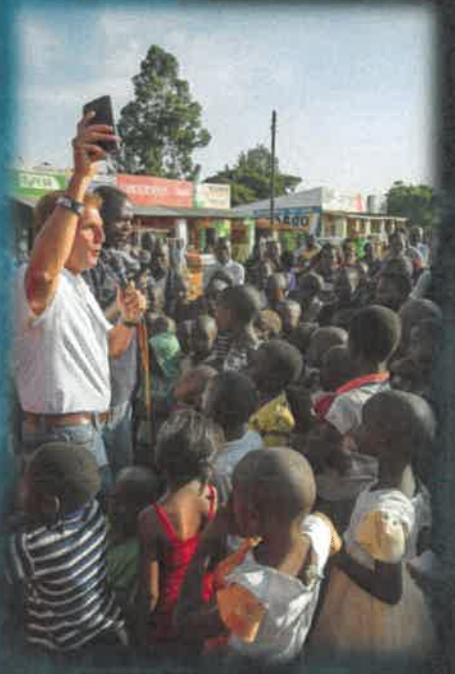
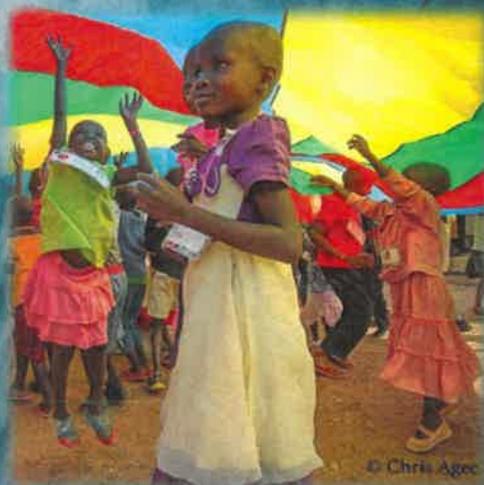
First Baptist Haughton has been blessed to go to Webuye and participate in mini-mobile crusades in the area, as well as medical clinics and Vacation Bible School at the orphanage.



Kenya Mission Trip

What You Can Do

There are a number of areas in which you can serve! If you work in the medical or dental industry, you will see 2-3000 patients from all the surrounding villages, in addition to taking care of the medical needs of the orphans and the orphanage staff. While we are there, we also host a VBS for the orphans, complete with Bible study, music, and recreation! There are also opportunities to have a mini-VBS for the community children who come to the medical clinics. If you are a preacher, you will have multiple opportunities! Working with, meeting with, and playing with the orphans at the Crosby Home Orphanage is something you will remember and something the orphans remember as well! The orphans have huge dreams and aspirations to be teachers, attorneys, doctors, airline pilots, etc... The Crosby Home provides them with an excellent education through 8th grade, though they are hoping to be able to open a high school soon!



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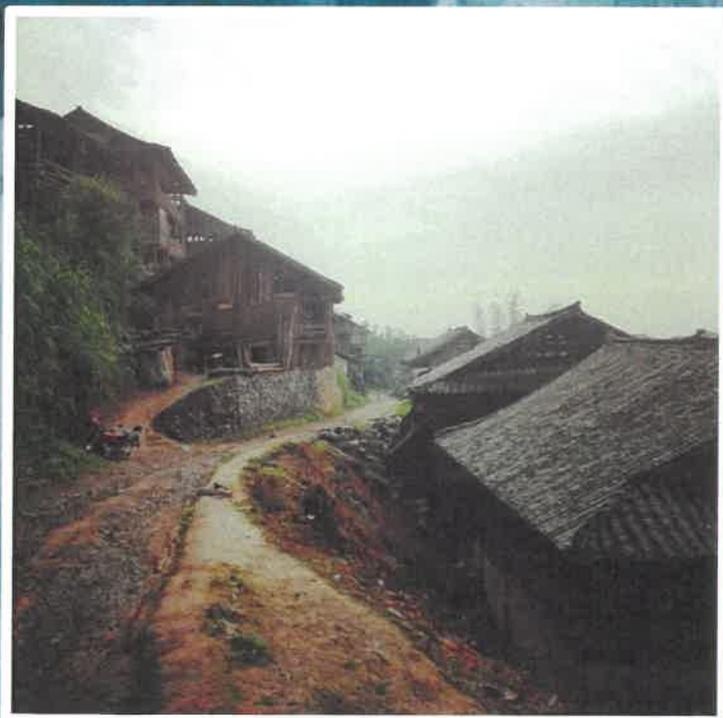


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East Asia

END OF THE EARTH

Several years ago our pastor led First Baptist Haughton to pray for an unreached people group. The Holy Spirit showed him the need for the Gospel to be shared with a people group in East Asia. At the same time, a missionary couple was praying for an unreached people group with whom they could share the Gospel. We were partnered with Jon and Shawna C. Getting the Gospel to this people is a very hard work, compounded by not having the Bible in their language. Jon has established relationships with villagers and is working on a plan to get water filters into their homes, so he can share the “Living Water” with them. We are praying for the day when one person from this unreached people group of 800,000 people comes to know Jesus as their savior.



GEAUX GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

If the Holy Spirit is asking you to go to His mission field, be obedient and go! You will have opportunities to see God work and participate in the work of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, our savior! The blessing you think you will be will be far outweighed by the blessing you will receive for being obedient. For more information about upcoming trips, please contact the church office, email info@fbchaughton.org, or visit our website.



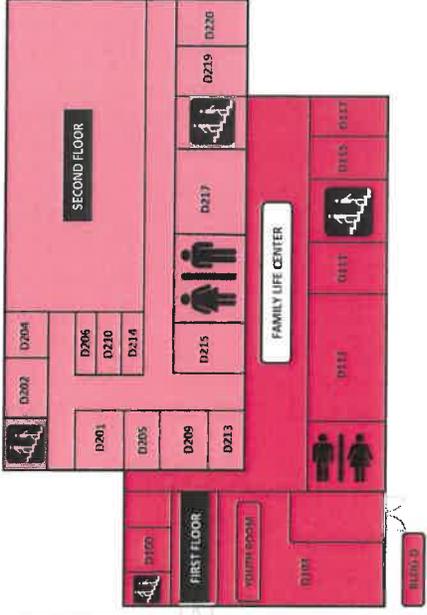
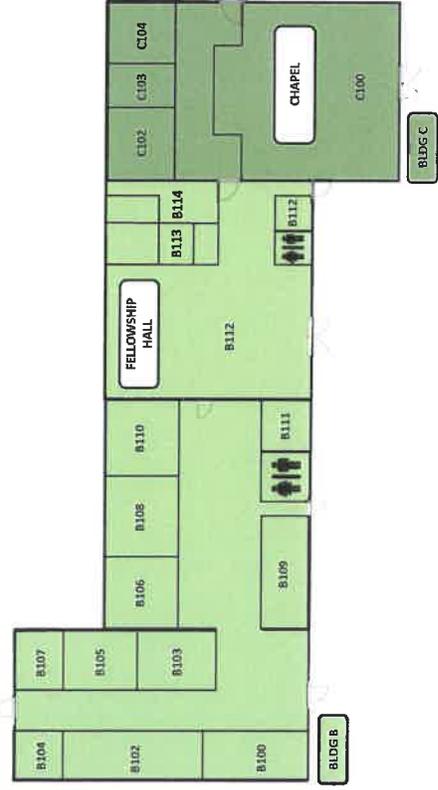
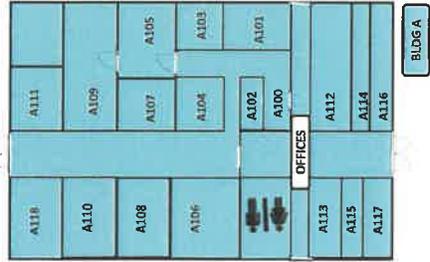
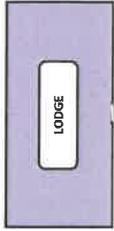
Geaux Global Month

Giving the Gospel to Our Neighbors and the Nations

Each September we focus on missions through giving to the Georgia Barnette state offering, Annie Armstrong North American offering, and the Lottie Moon International Missions offering. We also share the missions offerings with Baptist Global Response.

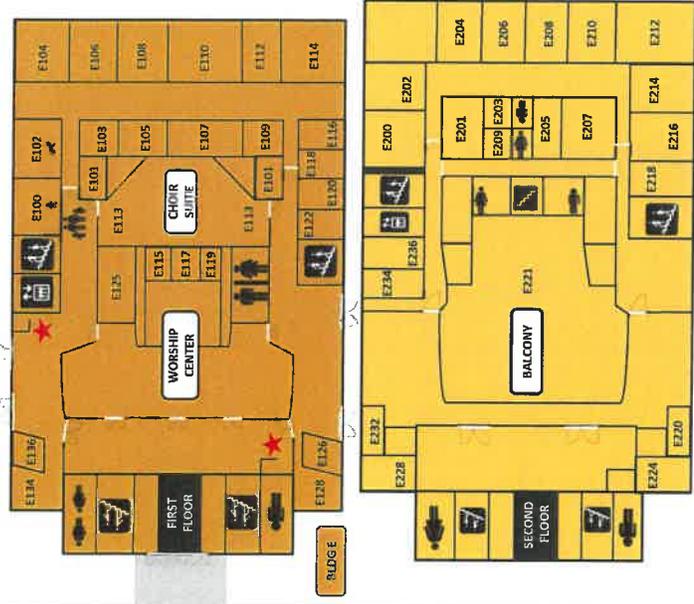
We also have special guest speakers and opportunities for you to find out where, when, how and why we are involved in missions. We want everyone to find their role in giving the Gospel to our neighbors and to the nations.

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Vision: That the World may know Christ through Haughton

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Mission: We exist to reach those who aren't here, to teach those who are, to lift up Jesus, as we do life together.