



Value Statements of First Baptist Church Carrollton

Worship – At First Baptist Church we desire our worship service(s) to provide our members and visitors with engaging and inspirational content through music and biblical teaching. It is our hope that we can honor our history of traditional worship, while incorporating elements that will prove meaningful to all participants, allowing them to experience the community and heart of First Baptist Church.

The current worship experience at First Baptist Church is often described as traditional, including the singing of hymns accompanied by music from a piano and pipe organ, the reading of liturgies and scripture, followed by a pastor’s message. Our church was surprised by nationwide trends of declining worship attendance and the increasing population of unchurched people.

What might we do to offer meaningful and engaging worship experiences that are relatable to churched people, unchurched people, who are of various ages?

Small Group Communities – Fostering a strong sense of belonging, small group engagement through Bible study and fellowship are fundamental in the creation of community with our church.

Currently, this small group engagement primarily occurs through Sunday School (Sunday mornings) and group bible study and prayer (Monday mornings, Tuesday mornings).

What would be the qualities of a small group community that you would choose to be a part of in our church?

Utilization of Facilities for our Mission – The facilities of our church are best utilized when they serve as an extension of our mission- offering space for our community and congregation throughout the entire week, not only on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

Currently, our facilities predominantly used during the traditional church times of Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, remaining largely unused at other times.

How might our buildings be used as part of our mission to our community?

Service to Our Community – The community that surrounds First Baptist Church is our most important mission field. Service to our community is best done when we build genuine relationship and trust with those that we are in service to.

The data shared in our first congregational conversation regarding the needs of foster children and foster care providers in our community evoked feelings of compassion amongst our members.

What are real life issues and needs in our community that our church body can get personally involved in through serving others in Jesus's name?

A Caring and Welcoming Congregation – First Baptist Church seeks to offer a warm and welcoming environment for all who engage with our church. Whether a long-time member or first-time guest, our church takes pride in the expression of care and compassion with all in which we interact.

What could be done to make our environment more welcoming for first time guests and visitors?

Energized by youth and children – Our congregation believes that youth and children are key indicators of our church's current and future success. When youth and children, along with their families are engaged and thriving within our church, our church community is likewise thriving.

The data shared in our first congregational conversation around the increasing demographic of single parent homes in our community spurred curiosity from our congregation.

What programing and connection points would exist within our youth and children's ministry to spark interest and a higher level of participation among youth, children, their families, and our entire church membership at large?