



# The Torch

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## Pastor's Pen

Last month there was a middle-aged white man who came to our worship service who was simply passing by the building and saw on the marquee that the title of the message that Sunday was “God is Here”, (using the scripture Isaiah 43:16 – 21). He came inside out of his curiosity of what may be the message here, not knowing what kind of congregation we were, or what to expect once he would come inside. But the drawing for him was just seeing the title and feeling the urging of God to come inside.

He told me his story after the service, and that he was really glad that he came in. It was a message that he needed to hear. He went on to share that he was not from Nashville and was just passing through. He was not looking for any assistance or help in any sort of way. The title appealed to him and the sermon, once he came in, spoke to his need. He expressed his gratitude for the message and then went on his way.

It didn't dawn on me until later that the title “God is Here” may have other understanding of what is intended by the title. Perhaps this man, and others who saw the sign felt that this was the place they could find and see God. God is here. It is not the only place. The title nor the sermon was suggesting that this is the only place where one can find God. We know that God is everywhere and not trapped or confined to any one space ([Psalm 139:7 – 12](#)). No, but this is the place, at least on that Sunday morning, that they perhaps can see that God is here (at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill).

What does a “here” God look like in a place of worship? It would be a place where a person can hear God speaking to him/her in song, scripture, prayers, and sermon ([Colossians 3:16](#)). It is a place where people are engaging one another in Christ-like ways ([1 John 2:6](#)). It is a place where a person can feel the presence of God in worship and in their interaction with people ([Psalm 100](#)). It is a place where a person can leave challenged, convicted, encouraged, and redeemed. It is a place where people feel better when they leave than they did when they came. God is here. It isn't the only place, but it is a good place to find the “present” God?

Regardless of the sermon title, or who may be preaching, I pray that each person who comes to our place of worship will feel that God is here, not just because we call ourselves a church, but because they have found that God resides in the hearts, minds, and spirits of those who gather here and scatter to the ends of the earth.

Kelly M. Smith Jr.

Pastor

# DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT

## Growing our Trust in God *(Revised from 2016)*

*“But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.” ~Psalm 31:14*

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby, Ministry of Discipleship Chair

Spring of 2009, as I was preparing to enter seminary later that year, many people cautioned me not to let “them” take my God away. I did not fully understand how that could happen, but as I matriculated through my seminary experience, I had numerous classmates who struggled with their faith. A few had to leave seminary because they found themselves in a crisis of faith and they were undone. As I talked with a friend, I shared through the course of my life I learned that God just *IS* so no matter what I was taught in seminary, my experience with the living God trumped anything a professor could teach me as it relates to textual criticism and the like.

I share this because the more I serve in ministry, the more I realize that many people, especially many of us who have regularly attended church since childhood, do not trust in God. We operate as Christian agnostics. We believe in the existence of God, but we have not developed a deeper knowing of or trust in God. We may believe what we have heard about God but fail to trust in God ourselves. Trusting in God is trusting in God’s person, the validity of God’s character and substance. This is why studying God’s Word and praying is so essential to one’s growth in discipleship. In reading God’s Word, you hear story and testimony of who God is, but it is in studying the Word, you learn about the unchanging character and nature of God. You learn of God’s heart and desires, God’s power and might, God’s discipline and loving correction, and even God indescribable love for you, expressed in Jesus. Paul, in Philippians 3:10 shares how he wants to “know Christ...” this knowing is not head knowledge, but an intimate (in-to-me-you-see) knowing and experience as in a married couple knowing each other.

So how do we begin to grow our trust in God? We first must create space, and then give time for our trust to grow so God becomes our own. Knowing and trusting someone at an intimate level takes time and is a maturation process; it does not happen overnight AND it is tested and tried. I don’t know when I arrived at the place when I was able to confidently say I trusted God, but I know that after allowing Jesus to be Lord, and not just Savior, of my life,

I was very intentional about spending time in God’s Word and prayer. For a season, I chose not to participate in certain activities so God could have priority of my heart, time, and schedule. Soon, I no longer needed to live on the faith of my parents or spiritual leaders; God was mine, allowing other’s faith to be a source of encouragement to me as I grew in my own relationship with God. I had to daily choose to trust God’s character with every new situation or challenge. I had to choose to trust in God with all my heart, as Proverbs 3:5-6 says. All of me —mind, body, and soul— had to trust, even when it didn’t make sense or was popular. I learned to serve and live to the *Audience of One*.

Growth takes time. Growth takes place when we are planted in good soil and adequately watered. Growth takes place when we have oxygen. Growth takes place when we receive sunshine. As disciples of Jesus Christ, let us be intentional about creating space for our spiritual growth. Even with the demands of family, work, and life, growth can still occur as you create the space to meet with the living God (John 4:10). Begin to create space to grow your trust by saying yes to Jesus’ loving Lordship of your life and not just accepting the benefits of salvation. Create space by making time with God a priority by setting aside at least 20-30 minutes a day to study God’s Word and pray and applying God’s Word to your life. Try reading a Psalm and Proverb a day. Create space by seeking God’s face, desiring to know God and not just seeking God’s hand of provision. Create space by journaling your heart and making professions that you will choose to trust God as your primary source of wisdom and desire.

God longs to be in intimate relationship with each of us. Trust grows as our experience with God proves that God is indeed trustworthy. My prayer for each of us is that we will intentionally create space to grow more in intimate knowledge of and trust in the living God. God eagerly wants to reveal God’s self. I encourage you to try God. May you find God extremely satisfying!

# MISSION AT YOUR DOORSTEP

## Where Is Your Focus

*“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Matthew 14:29-30*

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*Submitted by Dr. Arrol N. Martin, Assistant to the Pastor*

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The season of Autumn has come in with surprising low temperatures for the month of September. Meteorologists throughout the south have attempted to comprehend the low temperatures this early in the year. We had October like temperatures in the month of September.

The story of Jesus walking on the water, in the book of Matthew, is another perplexing miracle of Jesus. Jesus sees his disciples, out on the lake fishing, and decides to walk toward the boat to join them. Peter recognizes that the person walking towards them is Jesus and calls out to the Lord to bid him to come to him on the water. Now we all know that it is impossible to walk on water unless the Lord God Himself bids one to do so. Peter was doing just fine after climbing out of the boat, he had seen his master and began to walk toward Him. Yet Peter let the wind and the waves distract him from his main objective, and he began to sink. The objective was to get to Jesus.

How many times have we set our sights on something, but we have then allowed the distractions of this world sink our target? No matter what our life's journey we all need a target to achieve our greatest success in life. We all need a purpose, a goal, to keep us moving along the expressway of life.

No matter what our dreams and goals are for our lives, the key ingredient to a successful life is our focus on Jesus. In the gospel story reference, Jesus reaches out to Peter and catches him. He then rebukes him by saying “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” The song writer put it this way, “If you trust and never doubt, He will surely bring you out” But we shouldn't only trust Jesus when things look dark and bleak in our lives. Oh no, we should trust in the Lord every day. For it is the Lord who wakes me up every morning or every evening. It is the Lord who provides the food on my table. It is the Lord who provides me with shelter so that I can sleep in comfort. It is the Lord who makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me in paths of righteousness. Where is your focus? My focus is on the Lord.

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## Deacons of the Week for October 2022

Week of	Deacon	Phone#
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adrienne Fancher	615.626.7975
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23 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Wood	615.259.0623
30 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly Brown	615.391-3737

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**'The Importance of Voting'**, submitted by First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill's Community Cares Ministry. Installment Highlights include:

**The Role of Local Government**

**What the U.S. Constitution Says About Voting**

**Do Your Homework: Know The Candidates**

**Make Sure You Are Registered To Vote**

**Know Where Your Polling Precinct Is**

All installments of 'The Importance of Voting' will be posted in our weekly October *'Briefs from The Hill'*.

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*Thank You!*  
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Thank you for getting me up, getting me out here doing some walks. Never know what's gonna inspire you – church being so invested in me and my future, just a word from church! I appreciate it.

*Sekou*  
(Via Jane)

**From: Esther Wright**

"I want to thank my First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, gift cards, food, flowers, and visits. I feel so blessed and fortunate to be a member of such a supportive and caring congregation".





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCT  BER

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

We need volunteers to join us on Sundays at the Kelly Miller Smith Towers. Duties include being a FBCCH presence by sharing in our Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. virtual worship experience with residents.

All interested persons, please contact Sis. Kimberly Covington at (615) 566-3196.

## FINDING GOD IN ALZHEIMER'S

**October 18, 2022**

8:00a-1:00p

**Free to attend!**

*Breakfast and Lunch Provided.*

**Ways to Register:**

<https://bit.ly/FindingGodinAD2022>



[vmac@vumc.org](mailto:vmac@vumc.org)

(615) 875-3175

*Join us!*



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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**NATIONAL  
DEPRESSION  
EDUCATION AND  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

# Prayer Request/Sick & Shut-in List

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Major Alicia R. Bodie

Sis. Rose McDonald  
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Lexington, NC 27292

Sis. Leslie Williams  
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Antioch, TN 37013

Bro. Derrick McDaniel  
Good Samaritan Health & Rehab  
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Antioch, TN 37013

Sis. Maggie Roper  
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Greenwood, MS 38930

## B I R T H D A Y S

OCTOBER	
1	Rose Busby Zelma Ewing Mercedes Faulcon Mia Washington
2	Sondra Dade
3	Imani Chatman
4	Carmen Howse Aisha Westbrook
5	Ganeisha Rowe Tonya Stice Celeste Williams
7	Mackenzie Wood Michelle McGriff
13	Florence Crawford
15	Nicole Alexander Joshua Ivory Chandra Pleas
17	Sheila Anderson Sean-Michael Coleman Vernell Neely
18	Gabriel Faulcon Brian Wood
22	Darryl Doughty Ariana Washington
23	Jeremiah Kirk
24	Armani Beasley Armari Beasley
25	Ty'Ki Beasley Ty'Kia Beasley
27	Una Fenderson Rosa Mimms
28	Ebony Robinson
29	Henry Caudle Sr. Felecia Johnson Vincent Johnson
30	Martin Currie
31	Kyra Hayes

NOVEMBER	
1	Jamal Buchanan
3	Kamryn Cruson Kamryn Cruson Asalean Springfield
5	Terry Deas
7	Luke Molette
9	Evelyn Okediji
10	Robert Boone Jeffrey Santil
11	Alice Smith Risby
15	Lois Suttles
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17	Dawann Westbrook
18	Jasmine Easley
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21	Titus Woodson
22	Carol Boone Adrienne Fancher Howard Smith Jr.
23	Skyler Washington
24	Kevin Copeland
25	Mary Jan Carter Melody Neely Allison Wootson
27	Dorothy Fort
30	Fanchette Ennix

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1	Kayla Cruson Gary Faulcon
2	Barbara Doughty
3	Kelly Copeland Deborah Luter Ilee Wade
4	Linda Thompson Torrie Washington
5	Ashley Glotta
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8	Corey Grimes
14	Brenda Duff Nia Tolbert
15	Bettye Springfield
17	Leon Deaderick Barry Hobbs Myles Sydney
18	Vonda McDaniel
22	Ivan Davis, Jr.
23	Christopher McGriff Gloria T. Westbrook
24	Breanna Grimes Cora Johnson
25	Valerie Robinson
31	Jacqueline Knight

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
<b>Faith Calls for Mutual Love</b>		
Monday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	"I Love You, O Lord"	Psalms 18:1-6
Tuesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	"Faithful Love"	Deuteronomy 7:7-11
Wednesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	"Obedient Love"	Deuteronomy 5:6-10
Thursday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	"Taught to Love"	Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Friday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	"Love One Another"	John 13:31-35
Saturday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	"Love Your Enemies"	Luke 6:27-36
Sunday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	"Faith Hope and Love"	Hebrews 13:1-3; 1 Corinthians 13
<b>Faith Calls for a Bold Witness</b>		
Monday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	"Barriers between you and Your God"	Isaiah 59:1-8
Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	"Falsehood, Deceit, and Deception"	Jeremiah 8:22; 9:9
Wednesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	"These Things You Shall Do:	Zechariah 8:14-19
Thursday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	"My Mouth Will Utter Truth"	Proverbs 8:1-11
Friday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	"Guided into All the Truth"	John 16:12-15
Saturday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	"Full of Faith and the Spirit"	Acts 6:1-7
Sunday, October 16 <sup>th</sup>	"Full of Grace and Power"	Acts 6:8; 7:2a
<b>Paying the Price</b>		
Monday, October 17 <sup>th</sup>	"Equipped to Speak Boldly"	Ephesians 6:13-20
Tuesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	"The Promised Fulfillment Draws Near"	Acts 7:17-22
Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	"I Have Come to Rescue Them"	Acts 7:30-34
Thursday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	"The Rejection of Moses"	Acts 7:35-39
Friday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	"The Rejection of God"	Acts 7:39-43
Saturday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	"The Inadequacy of the Temple"	Acts 7:44-50
Sunday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	"You Are the Ones"	Acts 7:51; 8:1a
<b>Not For Sale</b>		
Monday, October 24 <sup>th</sup>	"Who Can Understand God's Power?"	Job 26
Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	"Using the Name of the Lord"	Acts 19:11-20
Wednesday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	"Christ, the Power of God"	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Thursday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	"Faith Resting on God's Power"	1 Corinthians 1:26; 2:5
Friday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	"The Works of the Flesh"	Galatians 5:16-21
Saturday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	"The Fruit of the Spirit"	Galatians 5:22-26
Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	"What Money Cannot Buy"	Acts 8:9-24

# MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT

**August 21**  
**“I Didn’t Ask for This”**  
[2 Kings 4:18-28](#)  
**Minister Janiece Williams**

*Submitted by: Kathy Harrell*

Minister Williams began her sermon explaining the inner workings of one of the wonders of the modern world...the incandescent light bulb. It gives light because a negative and a positive current collide causing heat, which then produces light. Our lives, in comparison, are much like the light bulb. We can often feel trapped between a *positive* blessing we did not ask for, and a *negative* burden we were not expecting. This is what our text reveals to us with the Shunammite woman who had a positive blessing of having a son (that she had not asked for) and the negative burden of his young death (which she did not expect).

How do you keep hope alive when despair is the reasonable alternative? What do you do when God sometimes calls you into things that you did not ask to be a part of?

**Point 1- You’ve got to recognize the source of your hopelessness.** What’s the point of hoping for something when it seems as if everything you hope for fails? You try and try again, but nothing seems to work. So, you become content and use contentment as a strategy to cope. However, you must be honest about your disappointments. When you feel like it’s too late, or an opportunity has passed you by, you’ve got to spark the fire of hope anew. Know that when God is involved, there is no such thing as ‘too late’. When God is involved, it’s always the right time for a miracle.

**Point 2- You’ve got to release the secrecy of your hurt.** We often keep our hurt to ourselves. We tell others that we are okay, and everything is fine. We keep our hurt(s) a secret. Perhaps you’ve been hiding a broken heart, poor health, a crumbling friendship, or a failing business. You may be asking God why did He get your hopes up with this ‘unasked for’ blessing when He knew pain and despair were on the other side? Hiding your pain is never going to *free* you from the pain! In order to get what you need to be free from the hurt, you’ve got to stop hiding it.

**Point 3 – You’ve got to learn to rely on the Sovereign for help.** Even though you didn’t ask for a particular blessing, if you end up hurting, you must still rely on the One who gave you the blessing in the first place to get you through it. When God calls you into a life you didn’t ask for, only God can sustain you in it. If God calls you to it, it is only God who will help you through it.

Always know that God’s keeping power is often revealed at

**August 28**  
**“It’s Time to Tell The Truth”**  
[Lamentations 3:22-23](#)  
**Rev. Dr. James Johnson**

*Submitted by: Beverly M. Brown*

**Context:** Lamentations 3:22 The Lord’s loving kindnesses indeed never cease

Dr. Johnson described the lack of integrity and persons stealing the work of others without giving proper credit to it’s true owner. The question was asked – ‘who gives us the ability each of His people has and all of the abilities and blessing His people receives comes from Him?’ Those present was compelled to know God/Christ Jesus is to be served and not man. And wrong choices can have devastating effects. Some persons will do anything to hold on to power, because they see themselves as a god. Furthermore, the enemy tries to steal one’s hope especially when humankind is struggling. But we are all here due to God/Christ Jesus grace and mercy. Dr. Johnson cited a situation where Satan tried to set him up to have him killed; but God/Christ Jesus covered him, and he is still here.

The three (3) main points:

**1** - The Lords mercies never fail, and he will provide justice. And what he has for you will happen in His own time.

**2** - We do not earn God/Christ Jesus protection, it is already available to all that believe and trust Him. Eternal life is ours because of Christ Jesus death on the cross to make it possible for each of us to have eternal life.

**3** - God has a providential plan for each persons’ success and it may not be the plan you have in your head. God/Christ Jesus providential plan is far better than any provisional plan any human being could create or think of logically and rationally. Several scriptures were cited which included Genesis 39:11; Isaiah 40:29; Isaiah 53:45. Finally, God/Christ Jesus shapes one’s life in ways we could never imagine. Moreover, God/Christ Jesus looks beyond our faults and see our needs and provides accordingly.

Amen, Amen, & Amen



**“God is Here”**

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

**September**

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**Pastor Kelly M. Smith Jr.**

*Submitted by: Deborah Luter*

The pastor began today's sermon by relaying something a church member mentioned on the Friday morning prayer call: ***‘Seek me in the good times. Seek me in the difficult times. For I am with you all the time.’*** The greatest solace in our lives should be that God is always with us. If there is no other message we get from the Bible we should know that God is here.

The people of Israel needed to hear this message. They found themselves being held captive by the Babylonians. They questioned if God was still with them. They knew that God had told them that he will be their God and they will be his people. We live in an era that we need to know that God is here. What is interesting is that the people of Israel felt that God abandoned them, but they didn't doubt the existence of God.

**Point 1-God is here transcending history.**

Isaiah tells the people to forget the former things. On the surface it sounds as if he is suggesting forget the issues you have had in the past. And even their current situation of being in captivity in Babylon. Surely these are things that they would like to forget. But he is also talking about the good things that have happened to them. The ways God has provided and cared for them in the past. Forget these things too. What we hear Isaiah saying is that we get too hung up on experiences of the past and things we have received that we forget about the God who provided for us in the past. We make idols of the things God has blessed us with and thus allow them to supplant God. We need to have the disposition of Job when he said the Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. The way God blesses us sometimes can be a liability and not an asset.

**Point 2-God is here preparing things for their season**

Isaiah says God is doing a new thing. Can't you perceive it? We like new things. But sometimes to get new things we have to let go of the old things. Everything happens in its season. There are times we need to wait on that season.

**Point 3-God is here in the midst of darkness.**

Isaiah speaks of the wilderness and desert. These do not create positive images for the people of Israel. They remember the history of their people when they left Egypt, they were in the wilderness for 40 years. Deserts are not places which foster and sustain life. No one wants to be stuck in a desert.

But Isaiah tells his people that God is making a way, even in the wilderness, and his making water streams in the desert. In other words when the times seem to be the darkest, God is still up to something for your good.

**“The Call to be Different”**

[Luke 6:27-36](#)

**September**

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**Pastor Kelly Miller Smith Jr.**

*Submitted by: Adrienne Fancher*

Christians are called to be different: not for the sake of being different, but because we need a different world. We hear people claiming to be Christian make statements that are contrary to Christian principles. Being Christian is about more than what we believe – it's about how we talk, how we treat people. Some “Christians” still have hate, racism, or xenophobia in their hearts.

How Christians respond to the call:

**Point 1- We are called to listen to a higher authority.**

We must listen to what Jesus is saying. Some people give authority to other sources. Some people accept social media as gospel truth. We believe the news to be true because it is in print. Some trust people because they have position and clout, but sometimes people are not that smart – just lucky to be in the right place at the right time. We must understand how God wants us to be and that God speaks with authority.

**Point 2- We are called to be the example.**

We are not called to be an example of the example – we are to be the example. The Golden Rule [Luke 6:31] is not do as you hope others will do. Treat other people how they should be treated – with respect – even if no one ever treats you that way. We must find common ground with those who have tried to hurt us.

**Point 3. We are called to expand our capacity to Love.**

What do you gain if you don't expand your capacity to love? On September 11, 2001, we were shocked by 3,000 innocent people killed by extremists. Hate grew in us because of the hate visited on us – this is not what we are called to do, this is not how Christians should respond. When confronted, there is a human tendency to say, “I can only be Christian for so long until I have to respond in a language ‘they’ understand.” No! Jesus expects us to respond with an expanded capacity to love. God is merciful to those who struggle to expand Love. Jesus was crucified because He upset the social order at that time. The world is a mess today because not enough people respond to the call to speak out.

Start in your own space to make a difference. Go to God and seek the direction of being DIFFERENT.

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**Kelly M. Smith Jr., Pastor**

## Our Mission

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is Building, Restoring, and Revitalizing lives through Jesus Christ.

## Our Vision

Love God, Make Disciples, Serve Community

### Looking for a Church Home?

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

**Baptism** - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

**Christian Experience** - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Watchcare** - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

**Associate** - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH.

**Restoration** - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

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