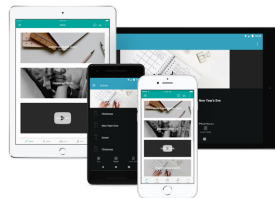
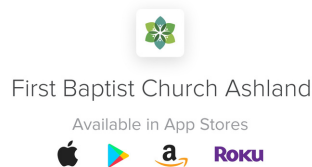


CONNECT GUIDE

AUG-DEC 2026



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ASHLAND

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live it.
every day.
www.fbcava.org

our mission

To live in Christ every day, for everyone, in every way.

our vision

Empowered by Christ's love, our community flourishes.

our values

unity

We are one community made up of unique individuals.

hospitality

We care for others and try to put ourselves in their shoes.

neighboring

We treat our community like family.

wholeness

We pay attention to our spiritual, physical, and emotional wellbeing

honoring

We respect the past while nurturing the future.



need support?

Our church can provide meals in times of transition (surgeries, loss of loved ones, births, etc), visits while sick or in the hospital, prayer, and support through all that life brings. Please reach out by email, phone, or through our website to let us know how our pastors and deacons can help.

info@fbcava.org | (804) 798-9014
<https://fbcava.org/request-support>

worship

Ross Wright, Pastor of Worship
ross@fbcava.org

Elena Aronson, Choir Director
elena@fbcava.org

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Weekly | 10:15AM-11:15AM

- In-Person
- Livestream (fbcava.org)
- Video/Audio with Discipleship Guide

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TBD

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 4PM

END OF YEAR BRUNCH POTLUCK

December 27, 10AM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 6PM

Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays

OK Chorale, 6:45PM

Sanctuary Choir, 7:30PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hospitality Team

Serve on a quarterly rotation, greeting members and guests on Sunday mornings and/or at special gatherings, practicing hospitality by helping with directions, providing information, and monitoring safety.

Worship Team Member

Singers and instrumentalists, contact Pastor Ross if you'd like to make a joyful noise in leading our community in worship!

Choir Member

Join your voice with other singers to make a joyful noise! Contact Elena to learn more.

Tech Team

A key behind-the-scenes role, helping primarily with our Sunday morning services, running the sound, slides, and live stream.



ways to connect



join a group

If you're looking for a group of people to find friendship with while learning to follow Jesus, then we'd love to help you get connected. Groups of all ages center around Bible study, friendship, and serving together. We meet Sunday mornings from 9AM-10AM and/or at various times throughout the week.

worship with us

Worship helps us to grow with one another as we grow close to God. We currently gather on Sunday mornings at 10:15 am for our worship service. It is streamed live online and is posted on our website early each week. We also make and deliver DVDs for people without internet access. Consider connecting with a friend during or after watching the service to share how God is moving in your life.

e-newsletter

One of easiest ways to know what's happening around here is to get our weekly emails. We won't spam you, and we work hard to give you up-to-date information on ways we can be connected.

prayer list

Each week we send out a prayer list with names of people who have requested prayer. If you would like to pray with us or if you'd like to add yourself or someone you know to the prayer list, we'd be grateful to pray with you.

volunteer

There a million ways you can serve both inside the church and on mission with us. From helping with our food pantry, working behind the scenes on the A/V team during worship, to serving with kids, students, or our community garden there is room for you and we could use your hands and heart to help us live out God's love in our community.

give

Creating opportunities for kids, sharing food with our neighbors, and living on mission together is possible because of the generous giving of financial, spiritual, and relational resources. Your financial gifts and offerings both serve as an act of worship to God and help us to creatively be an extension of God's love in Ashland and beyond.



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live it! groups

Groups where you can grow in your relationship with God, develop deeper friendships, and serve our community. They often meet once a week for 10-12 weeks in a row.

meetups

A great way to meet people and take a “next step” with FBCA, whether for a service project or just to have some fun. Meetups can happen week-to-week for a season and others meet for special events.

on mission

Tom Lynch
tom@fbcava.org

Here are some of the ways you can serve!

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

Sustainable access to food is essential for life. FBCA seeks to create access to fresh produce, pantry goods, personal items, and meals.

Food Pantry

1st Tuesdays & 3rd Saturdays,
9AM-11AM

Contact Linda Kennedy
lkennedy_hs60@hotmail.com

Community Garden

Planting season begins in May

EMPOWERING NEIGHBORS

A collaboration between FBCA and community partners working together in pursuit of thriving communities.

Contact Britt Glisson
director@empoweringneighbors.org

INTERNATIONALS & REFUGEES

The International Ministry serves to walk in community with our international neighbors as they build a new life in America.

ESL Class Volunteers

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10AM-12PM Sept 8- Nov 19. You can volunteer one day a week, both days or even as an occasional back up person.

For more information, contact
internationals@fbcava.org

“Disciples Depot” Clothing Closet

1st Saturdays, 10AM-11:30AM

Setup on Thursdays, 6:30PM-7:30PM & Friday 9AM-11AM

Ashland Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
301 S James Street

Internationals Mentoring

Our mentorship program meets at Liberty middle school on the 3rd Friday of each month and at FBCA on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**For more information or to sign up for any of the above opportunities, contact Lily Cameron at
internationals@fbcava.org**

FBCA *seniors*

Laura Ross, Pastor of Senior Life
laura@fbcava.org

YOUNG AT HEART MEETUP

Wednesdays, 11:30AM-1PM

Pack a lunch and join us each week as we continue to “Connect our Story to God’s Story.” Enjoy community building, prayer time, and a devotion. See you there!

September

2- Favorite Shell (Potluck)

9- Favorite Water Photo

16- Favorite Garden Tool

23- Rock Painting with Dan Oliveri

30 - Lunch at Around The Table

October

7- Favorite Automobile (Potluck)

14- Day Trip to Old Town Fredericksburg

21- Valentine Presentation: “Congregating Faith”

28- Lunch at Brick Oven

November

4- Favorite Collection (Potluck)

11- Honoring Our Veterans Celebration

18- Lunch at Casa Herradura

25- No Young at Heart

December

2- Favorite Christmas Ornament

9- Christmas Potluck & White Elephant Gift Exchange

16- No Young at Heart

23- No Young at Heart

30- No Young at Heart

FBCA *kids*

Lily Echeverria, Children’s Director
lily@fbcava.org

SUNDAY MORNING LIVEIT! GROUPS

Disciple Zone | 9AM-10AM, Rm 219

Kid-focused Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship every Sunday morning. If you want to strengthen your child’s Bible literacy and make more friends at church, this is the place.

Nursery | 9AM-11:30AM, Rm 113

Our prepared background-checked volunteers will be ready to receive your infants and toddlers anytime from 9AM through worship so you can fellowship, learn and worship while they are cared for with snack, stories, and time to play. Please provide a diaper bag if needed.

Worship Zone | 10:35AM-11:15AM, Rm 205

Kids potty trained to 5th grade are invited to come experience and learn about Jesus on their own level during the worship service with games, snacks, music, and specialized high-energy lessons.

MEETUPS & EVENTS

Next Step Sunday | August 16, 9AM-10AM

Snacks, prayer, and encouragement for the next school year!

Learn S’more about Jesus | September 4, 6-7:30pm

Families are invited to come enjoy marshmallow relays and Bible stories by the campfire. Bring your own camp chair or blanket as we listen sing some worship songs with guitar. If there is inclement weather, we will meet October 2nd.

Trunk or Treat | October 28, 6PM-8PM

There will be prizes for the best costume and trunk. Sign ups to host a trunk will be available soon!

Christmas Play Practice | Starts in November, 9AM-10AM

Practice will begin some time in November during Disciple Zone. Breakfast will be provided.

Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal | December 20, 11:45AM-2PM

Kids in the play will fellowship over food and rehearse in our sanctuary. Parents are welcome to stay for a sneak peak.

Christmas Party | TBD

FBCA^{youth}

Bethany Smith-Mullins, Youth Pastor
bethany@fbcava.org

The youth are jumping into exciting things this fall, please peruse our schedule and feel free to jump in at any time. We are open to all rising 6th-12th graders!

SUNDAY MORNING LIVEIT! GROUP

Sundays | 9AM-10AM, Rm 237

Youth spend some time together before service.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETUP

Sundays | 5:30PM-7:30PM, Rm 239 (Youth Cafe)

Youth grades 6-12 are welcome to come and enjoy fun, friends, games, worship, and Bible Study.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

1st Sundays | 9AM-10AM

YOUTH EVENTS

(check email & website for more details as the date gets closer)

August

16- Next Steps Sunday (9AM)
Parent Meeting Lunch (After Service)

30- Kick off Night (5:30PM-7:30PM)

September

6- No Youth

13- Game Night

20- Grace Race

27- Wellness Training Night

October

4- Passion Projects

11- Pumpkin Patch (11:30AM-3:00PM)

18- Outdoor Game Night

25- Bonfire @ Bethany's (5PM-8PM)

28- Trunk or Treat (6PM-8PM)

November

1- Lock In

8- Chicken Nugget Night

15- Worship Night

22- Friendsgiving

29- Christmas Decorating

December

5- Helping with the Clothing Closet

13- Progressive Dinner (5-9pm)

Upcoming in 2027

2/5-2/7 Winter Retreat

adults

Tom Lynch, Pastor of Missions
& Discipleship Strategies
tom@fbcava.org

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COURSES

FBCA Academy builds knowledge, forms theology, and equips for ministry. Consider signing up for a course or certificate this fall! Check the website event page for the latest offerings.

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays, September 13- November 15 | 2PM-3:30PM

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Through this 10-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Our first session is on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7PM** and will meet on Sundays after.

MEMBERSHIP 101

**FINDING SELF IN THE STORY
HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE**

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

As part of our FBCA family, you can access thousands of biblical video resources. Study on your own, or better yet, gather some friends and pick a course to take together! To get started, go to: www.fbcava.org/groups