

CONNECT GUIDE

JUN - AUG 2026



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.



ways to connect



discipleship groups

join a group

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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.

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

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.

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**



Lily Gray, Children's Director
lily@fbcava.org

SUNDAY MORNING LIVEIT! GROUPS

Disciple Zone | 9AM-10AM, Rm 205

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-11:15AM, 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Public School Neighborhood Events | Wednesdays, 11AM-12PM Dates: June 10, June 24, July 22, July 29

Join Hanover County Staff and community volunteers as we create, play, and connect in our local neighborhoods. We'll bring chalk and bubbles. Please email Lily Gray any dates you can join and she'll share the location. Carpooling available at 10:30AM from church.

MEETUPS & EVENTS

Dads, Donuts, and Darts | June 21, 9AM-10AM

We'll gather in the youth space for a delicious breakfast then head outside for games. Bring your dad, grandpa, or any adult you want to honor and be ready for some fun competition.

Hero Academy Summer Camp | July 13-16 9AM-12PM

Register your heroes in training for a week of fun! They'll enjoy music, games, snacks, Bible lessons, crafts and more. Parents are invited to the "Parent lounge" with wifi and coffee. Drop-off starts at 8:30AM

Family Night Celebration | July 17 6:30PM-8PM

Join our church family for outdoor games, music, food, and more to celebrate a great week of camp. Hear about our Live It Groups and enjoy fun activities for all ages.

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

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



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

The youth are jumping into exciting things this Summer, 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 EVENTS

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

June

- 14- Summer Kick Off
- 21- Messy Game Day
- 28- Parent Meeting (After Service)
- 29-7/2- Summer Missions Camp

July

- 5- Chill Night (restful + popsicles!)
- 12- Pizza Night
- 19- Outdoor Game Night
- 26- Pool Party

August

- 16- Next Step Sunday
- 23- Fall Kick Off!

YOUNG AT HEART MEETUP

Every Other Wednesday

Join us this summer for various outings and restaurants. We hope you will join us!

June 10 | 10AM

"Make It" Wreath Workshop

June 24 | 11:30AM

Lunch at Vinny's Italian Grill

July 1 | 1PM

Ashland Sweet Frog

July 15 | 9AM-12PM

Supply cookies or muffins for Kids Summer Camp

July 29 | 11:30AM

Lunch at Kitchen 33

August 12 | 10AM

Putt Putt at Bogey's Sports Park in Goochland

August 26 | 11:30AM

Lunch at Cracker Barrel

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COURSES & EVENTS

40 days of the Jesus Creed | June 15 & July 27, 12PM-1PM

This course will follow the book, *The Jesus Creed* by Scot McKnight where we explore "Loving God and Loving Others". This Zoom based course will meet twice over Zoom, once at the beginning and once at the end to discuss the experience of maintaining a spiritual discipline over the course of the summer.

Please register online by June 13. Participants will need to purchase *The Jesus Creed* before June 15.

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



DIGITAL LIVE! GROUP

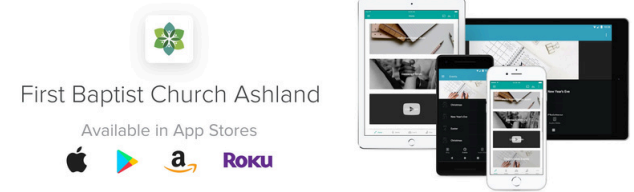
Using the YouVersion Bible App, you can join an FBCA digital Live! Group.



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>



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