



First Baptist
Olive Branch

Ministry **OPPORTUNITIES**

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SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL

Our purpose is to provide safe, secure, nurturing, clean and efficient care to all of our preschool children. We have multiple opportunities in this area of our ministry.

Connect Group Leader

It is the role of the Connect Group Leader to exhibit Christ-like patience and love while playing, praying, and providing lessons from a specific theme in the words that a child can understand. Curriculum will be provided, but creativity in bringing these Biblical themes to life is encouraged and celebrated.

- *Time:* Sunday Mornings, 9:00a - 10:15

- *Qualifications:* must be good with children, background check, Ministry Safe questionnaire complete, and administration approval

Extended Session

This is an opportunity for our parents and other church members to volunteer once every 5-6 weeks. You will be responsible for a classroom/age group in the preschool area where you will provide quality childcare in a loving environment. The small group leader from the groups hour may leave you activities or crafts for you to extend the lesson from the small groups hour or you may create your own.

- *Time:* 1.5 hours during the second worship service every 5-6 weeks.

- *Qualifications:* must be good with children, background check, Ministry Safe questionnaire complete, and administration approval

Monitors/Front Desk Worker

This spot is a rotated position. You may only be responsible to monitor once every 5-6 weeks. You would be responsible for greeting the parents and children as they enter the Preschool department. You will oversee the check in process. All children should have a name sticker on their back or bag. Make sure bags, cups, etc. are labeled properly. You will also be available to assist teachers with extra projects or craft activities.

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Substitute Connect Group Leader

This is a unique position. You would not have to teach during Connect Group every week, but would be ready to teach as needed and upon request. You could be notified of the need for your help in advance in cases of a Connect Group leader's known absences, but you might be called upon as quickly as the day before. You would be informed of the theme of the lesson for the particular Sunday you are needed. Assistance will be offered if you are requested to substitute any Sunday.

- *Time:* Sunday Morning, 9:00 am- 10:15 am as needed

- *Qualifications:* must be good with children, background check, Ministry Safe questionnaire complete, and administration approval

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MISSION FRIENDS

We introduce our little ones to missionaries around the world and discuss new cultures introduced by each missionary. We talk about the challenges these missionaries experience, and how they overcome boundaries to share the LOVE OF JESUS.

Nursery Worker (Infants and 1s)

Provide safe, Secure, nurturing, clean and efficient care to our smallest Mission Friends. Your ministry responsibilities would include playing with the children or directing play, reading to the children, praying for each child, exhibiting Christ-like patience and love, and relating the theme of the lesson in words the child can understand.

- *Time:* 1.5 hours each week on Wednesday night

- *Qualifications:* must be good with children, background check, Ministry Safe questionnaire complete, and administration approval

Preschool Teachers for Mission Friends (2/3s + 4/5s)

We use Mission Friends Curriculum through WMU Ministries. You would have the curriculum for each quarter in advance and all materials needed will be provided.

- *Time:* 1.5 hours each week on Wednesday night

- *Qualifications:* must be good with children, background check, Ministry Safe questionnaire complete, and administration approval

Monitors/Front Desk Workers for Mission Friends

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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES (Weekdays)

Daycare, Mothers Day Out, & 4K

It is our goal to provide quality Christian care in a loving, caring, learning environment with a cheerful atmosphere. We provide this care while we help to nurture the children spiritually, socially, and academically during his/her early development. We are committed to providing this quality care and to support the entire family.

- *Time:* These are paid employment opportunities. Scheduling dependent on the hired position (could be part time or full time positions).

- *Qualifications:* Must be good with children, background check, and an interview process

KIDS

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VBS Leader/Worker

Vacation Bible School leaders and workers serve in a variety of roles from Bible study classes, music, and snacks, to recreation, crafts, and administrative tasks.

- *Time:* 1st full week of June, 9am-Noon

- *Qualifications:* background check, church membership (for teaching positions)

WinShape Day Camp Volunteer

Volunteers are needed for snack time, registration, Registered Nurse, activity stations, etc. WinShape is a partnership with LHBC.

- *Time:* 5 days in the Summer, 8a-5p, partial time volunteers needed too

- *Qualifications:* background check

Mission Kids (RAs/GAs/Mission Friends) Leader

Royal Ambassadors and Girls In Action are missions education programs. Leaders use provided curriculum to help students learn about missions and participate in special missions events.

- *Time:* Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm and special events as planned during the school year

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, and church membership

Connect Group Leader

A Children's Connect Group leader teaches, from the provided curriculum, a boys' or girls' class, grades 1st-5th in rotation with other leaders.

- *Time:* Sunday Morning, 9:00a – 10:15a

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, and church membership

Connect Group Substitute Leader

A Children's Connect Group substitute is available to serve as needed in boys' and girls' classes, grades 1st-5th.

- *Time:* Sunday Morning, 9:00a – 10:15a

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, and church membership

Kid Central Check-in Worker

A Children's Check In Worker greets children and their families as they arrive. They help regular attenders use the computer check-in system and help visitors to fill out appropriate forms.

- *Time:* Sunday Morning: 1st Shift – 8:45a-9:30a / 2nd Shift – 9:45a-10:30a

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, and church membership

KidsTime Helper

A KidsTime helper provides support for leaders during Children's church, "KidsTime." They ensure the safety and attention of children during music, lessons, games, activities, and bathroom breaks. They also assist with check-out following KidsTime. Sign up to volunteer at fbcob.org/kids

- *Time:* Sunday Mornings, 10:15a - 12p

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, and church membership

STUDENTS

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Connect Group Leader

In the student ministry we seek to make deeper connections and to share life as we study Scripture together on Sunday mornings.

Leaders guide high school or middle school students in Bible study discussion. Groups are gender and age specific. Curriculum is provided.

- *Time:* 1.5 hours per week on Sunday morning

- *Qualifications:* background check, Ministry Safe training, available to prepare a Bible Study, approval by ministry staff, and church membership

Choir

This large group helps lead in congregational worship regularly during Sunday morning services. They also prepare and lead in special music throughout the year (Christmas, Easter, etc.)

- *Time:* 1hr 15 min rehearsal per week (Sun @ 4p) and attendance in the worship service
- *Qualifications:* desire and passion to lead others in worship

Worship Team

This smaller group, comprised of auditioned instrumentalists and vocalists, helps lead in congregational worship regularly during Sunday morning services. They also prepare and lead for special occasions throughout the year (Christmas, Easter, etc.) This team serves in rotation, so there are “off” weeks.

- *Time:* 1.5 hr rehearsal per week (Wed @ 7:30p) and 15-20 min sound check (Sun @ 10a), attendance in the worship service.
- *Qualifications:* church member, connect group attendance, Musician- read a chord chart, Vocalist- participation in worship choir preferred, ability to hear and sing harmony

Worship Tech Team

This group provides visual media and sound support for Sunday morning services and other various events. They utilize the sound board, livestream software, and ProPresenter presentation software.

This team serves in rotation, so there are “off” weeks.

- *Time:* minimum of 1 service per month and special events as needed
- *Qualifications:* training by Tech Team members and church staff

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Since 2016, we have been teaching English to those in the community who are from other cultures and who speak different languages. We have a team leader, but need committed individuals willing to help teach, coordinate volunteers, and assist in facilitating English classes and Bible studies.

- *Time:* Mondays 5:45p - 7:15p, summer & winter break
- *Qualifications:* church member, willingness to teach and share the gospel

Memphis Union Mission (MUM)

Each month a team of volunteers goes downtown to cook, serve a meal, and lead a worship service for homeless men from the streets of downtown Memphis. Men, Women, and families are welcome to serve! You may sign up at fbcob.org/mum

- *Time:* 3.5 hours on a Saturday evening each month (not every month is required)
- *Qualifications:* anyone may participate

OB Food Pantry

We have a team that serves at the Food Pantry once per month. In between serving days, we collect food, toiletries and supplies to donate to the food pantry. This ministry reaches many in the community and any sort of help is welcome.

- *Time:* 5:30p - 8p on the first Thursday of each month
- *Qualifications:* anyone may participate

Community Outreach Team

We are building a team that can help with community outreach opportunities. These may include Trunk or Treat, Christmas Tree Lighting, OB Elementary support, and more. This team would help coordinate volunteer efforts and plan how to effectively reach our community through these special events.

- *Time:* meetings 4 or 5 times per year and special event participation
- *Qualifications:* anyone may participate

Olive Branch Thrift Store

We serve the OB Thrift Store 2 months out of the year. The store is open every Friday from noon to 4pm and every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. While serving, you will help sort clothing items, greet customers, and sell/bag items.

- *Time:* 8 days per year, 2-4 hours per day
- *Qualifications:* anyone may participate

LifeHouse On-Call Team Member

The on-call volunteer will travel to the Mississippi Department of Child and Protective Services (MDCPS) Office to upkeep an ongoing supply of LifeHouse backpacks filled with comfort and care items for children placed in care. You will also maintain an ongoing inventory of items at the LifeHouse, prepare and deliver backpacks to caregivers as needed, and upkeep the cleanliness of the LifeHouse. More info about LifeHouse Desoto Foster + Adoptive Resource Center can be found online at lifehousedesoto.org

- *Time:* approximately 4 hours a week on an ongoing weekly rotation
- *Qualifications:* church member, willing to travel to the MDCPS office in Hernando and caregivers' homes.

Disaster Relief

Volunteers may serve in certified and non-certified roles to provide assistance to survivors of natural and accidental disasters, like tornadoes, flash flooding, house fires, or earthquake. Some opportunities include feeding, chainsaw/debris removal, chaplaincy, assessment, flood recovery, repair/rebuild, and more!

- *Time:* as needed

- *Qualifications:* training is required - it is offered regularly around our area

Good News Clubs

This team leads action-packed Bible clubs every week in some of our local schools, delivering the timeless truths of the Bible in exciting, engaging ways. Children learn the Gospel, and many come to know Jesus as their Savior.

- *Time:* 1.5 hours per week

- *Qualifications:* background check, willing to have fun and share the gospel with kids

Lil' Blessings

Lil' Blessings Consignment Sale started in Spring 2008, with a team of several young families who wanted to make a contribution to the missions efforts of FBCOB. There are multiple ways to get involved including rack setup & teardown, being a part of the leadership team, and helping during the sale interact with shoppers. All details can be found online at lilblessings.org

- *Time:* varies, we hold 2 sales per year usually in March/April & September

- *Qualifications:* a heart for missions and love for people

Cincinnati

We are partnered with Bridge City Church and Pastor Jonathan Howard in Anderson Township, Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a NAMB church planter and is in the beginning stages of starting a new gospel work in a city that needs it! We plan to take 1-2 trips per year to help the church with special ministries.

- *Time:* as needed

- *Qualifications:* see Pastor Michael for details

Thailand 2024

Our church is partnering with Longview Heights, DeSoto Hills, & Longview Point to take VBS to South Asian IMB Missionary Families this summer. We are looking for 3-5 people who want to help plan and execute a VBS-style event for missionary kids. This will be a great opportunity to serve the families and hear some incredible stories of what the Lord is doing in that part of the world.

- *Time:* May 29 - June 8, 2024

- *Qualifications:* Sentinel Training on March 23, be able to travel internationally, see Pastor Michael for more details

Nepal/India

We are working towards working with an unreached people group in Nepal or India through the IMB. Training will be provided before we go and on the field. This first trip will be a partnership with Longview Heights Baptist Church. The trip will also consist of church leader training, which is similar to leading a Connect Group or Bible Study.

- *Time:* The week following Thanksgiving 2024

- *Qualifications:* be able to travel internationally, see Pastor Michael for more details

Honduras

We have been involved in Honduras since 2004 with BMDMI. We are going back to Honduras this July. Ministries include nurse stations, clothing, nutrition, children, door-to-door evangelism and medical teams, vet, kitchen, tent preaching, logistics, and more! We partner with several local and non-local churches to go with us and serve the people of Honduras. Our team size is usually about 40-60 people.

- *Time:* July 6-13, 2024

- *Qualifications:* be able to travel internationally, see Pastor Michael/Tommy Taylor for details

Guatemala

We have been involved in Guatemala since 2021 with BMDMI. We typically work with the on-field missionaries to support communities by building houses together, serve medical needs, share the gospel, and hold kids backyard bible clubs. We usually take a team of about 15-20 people.

- *Time:* Mid-February, yearly

- *Qualifications:* be able to travel internationally, see Pastor Michael/Tommy Taylor for details

ADULTS/OTHER

First Impression Team

Team members will help on Sunday mornings and other events when needed, greeting members and guests, working in our Information Center, and distributing bulletins and other printed materials when the need arises.

- *Time:* weekly/as needed

- *Staff Contact:* Pastor Charlie Shafer, cshafer@fbcob.org

Meal Team

Team members will help prepare, cook, serve and clean on Wednesday evenings for church-wide meals as well as help when needed for other church events when meals are served.

- *Time:* weekly/as needed

- *Staff Contact:* Pastor Michael Carpenter, mcarpenter@fbcob.org

Encourager Team

Team members will need to be available for Sunday morning services and special events to counsel those making decisions for Jesus Christ as well as other decisions made by our congregation such as joining our church, prayer, etc.

- *Time:* weekly/as needed

- *Qualification:* see Pastor Charlie

- *Staff Contact:* Pastor Charlie Shafer, cshafer@fbcob.org

Properties Upkeep/Maintenance

We are building a list of those in the church who are skilled in areas that would help us keep the church in good working order. You may be called on when special projects come up and asked to help if available. Areas of need include paint, electrical, plumbing, landscape, yardworkers, etc.

- *Time:* as needed

- *Qualification:* be willing and available to work on projects around the church property

- *Staff Contact:* Pastor Michael Carpenter, mcarpenter@fbcob.org

March 2024