



First Baptist Church of Indian Trail

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First Baptist Church Indian Trail

Our Mission

Our Values

Our Strategy

****LEAD****

“To guide by going in advance; to direct on a course or in a direction; to serve as a channel for others to follow.”

The best leaders are servants. Look at the life of Christ. He came to serve. Look at one of the most challenging sections of scripture for us to emulate.

- 18.) Read Philippians 2:5-8.
- 19.) Is your attitude like that of Christ Jesus?
- 20.) Are you a servant? What is your level of humility?

Jesus not only commands us to lead by loving others, He empowers us to take what we have learned from Him and His word and pour it into others; to disciple one another. In other words, our life is the lesson to others. Often our lives speak so much louder than what we say that others don't hear our words, but only see our actions. Read John 15:15-17.

- 21.) Who are you leading? What are you modeling for them? Do they see life change in you? Do you see life change in them?

Close in prayer asking God to help you begin to see the opportunities to:
“Love and lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.”

see that they are taking steps of growth and maturity in Christ. The vehicle we use for this is GROW, which is our weekly outreach and visitation program. At GROW a person can make cold call visits, assigned prospect visits, phone calls, or write letters. GROW is on Monday evenings with a meal and child-care provided free of charge.

What does a person in an everyday walk with Christ look like? It is a walk that:

Walk Obediently – A person that is being transformed from the inside out. An obvious difference is seen in the everyday decisions this person makes. He/she is becoming more like Christ.

Worship Passionately – When we are growing closer to Christ with our daily decision making and dying to self there is a visible difference in the way in which we worship Him on Sunday's or anytime we lift up the name of Christ. There is no checklist that lets us know someone is worshipping passionately. It is just a presence about them that you see that they are worshipping (verb) their Father in heaven in spirit and truth.

Witness Consistently – A person that is walking obediently and worshipping passionately takes every opportunity possible to share with others what Christ has done and is doing in their life. This person becomes concerned with the souls of men, women, boys and girls. They understand their responsibility to share Christ with others knowing that it is Christ that does the rest. Making the most of daily divine appointments as they move through life to the glory of God.

1. How do you see yourself as you filter through First Baptist Church Indian Trail's strategy and mission measures?
2. Which strategy level are you on? What is the next step for you?
3. Someone share the importance of the Encounter. Discover. Connect. Serve. Share.
4. What about Mission Measures? How are you doing?
5. Which Mission Measure do you need work on?
6. How has this whole process impacted you? Where have you been challenged?
7. What is the next step you need to take?

Close in a time of prayer letting several pray for our church, our impact in this community, and our implementation of our mission, values, and strategy.

using their gifts and abilities for the Lord in service. During the Discovery process, which takes place on Sunday mornings for 3 hours, a person is challenged to know Christ and to serve Him here.

CONNECT:

Our strategy for people to connect is the small group ministry, Life Groups. We have age graded Life Groups that meet every Sunday in conjunction with our worship services at 8am, 9:30am, and 11am. All our Life Groups are open groups that promote new people coming in and feeling at home on any given Sunday. Everything from the literature we use, to new classes we start, is done with intentionality and purpose. Everyone wants an exciting and vibrant small church, and Life Groups seek to give them just that. However, after 24 months most life groups are closed “cliques” and must fight that tendency through openness to birthing new units, which promote new growth and excitement. We all must remember that someone made room for us and if you want others to experience the fullness of Life Groups you must make room for others through multiplication. Everyone wants to connect so they feel a part of something bigger than themselves. If after 6 months a person has not connected with at least 2-3 people in a Life Group 80% will have moved on to another church or quit attending all together. Connecting is vital to vibrant church growth.

SERVE:

Once a person has had an encounter with Christ, attended Discovery, and connected to a Life Group, their next step is to start using their gifts and abilities in serving. Our preference would be that a person would serve out of their strengths and areas identified during the discovery process, which displays a persons passion and finds purpose and meaning. This could be in Preschool, Children, Youth, Singles, or in their own Adult Life Group, serving out of gratitude for what God has done in their life and out of a desire to be used in His church to make a difference in others lives. Our motto, “Ask not what your church can do for you, but what can you do for your church.” It is through service that we see Christ come alive in a believer. We also offer a wide array of opportunities for service church wide, however; since one of our main values is Life Group we have focused here first and foremost.

SHARE:

In the progression we want to see a person encounter Christ, discover Him, connect with other believers in Life Group, serve out of their strengths first on Sunday morning, and then begin sharing what God has done in their life with everyone they come in contact with throughout the week. Going back to our mission, “Love and Lead Everyone we meet into an Everyday walk with Christ.” In doing this a person has come full circle and we as a church can

Session 2 “Our Mission” January 17, 2010

Let’s review for a moment.

- 1.) What is the mission statement of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
“Love and lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.”
- 2.) How did you live out the mission this past week?
- 3.) Did you find yourself more intentional in your actions toward others?
How?

Last week we started a word by word study of our mission statement.

- 4.) What do you remember from what we discussed last week? Share.

Let’s pick up with the phrase:

******EVERYONE WE MEET******

First Baptist Church Indian Trail is to be a place where the people that make up the church, love and lead everyone they encounter. God’s word says, “Whosoever,....”

- 5.) Read Romans 10:13. Who is, “whosoever?”
- 6.) Who has God recently put across your path in life? What was/is your response to them? Have you loved them or lead them to Christ?
How?
- 7.) Do you know how to share Christ with anyone He sends across your path?

Do you know that the most effective method of sharing Christ with those who God places along our path, is your personal testimony? What God has done and is doing in your life. No one can dispute that. They may dispute the Word of God but they cannot dispute or disagree with what He has done in your life. Let others know. Do not be afraid to share.

Do you believe that Christ said He will, “be with us always?” This includes those times when you start talking to someone about Him?

Did you know that 90% of people who are unchurched would come to church if invited and told by you that you would meet them at the front door?

What this phrase means is that we must be “intentional” about loving and leading everyone we meet. Showing and living out the love of Christ. Alan Taylor

says, "Good intentions are no better than bad intentions unless we get intentional about our good intentions."

Do you realize that God is with you no matter where you go? He is interceding on your behalf to the Father. That should charge you up to be a courageous witness and to love and lead everyone you meet.

******INTO******

As we love and lead "everyone we meet" this culminates with them allowing God into their hearts and lives.

Just the other day a member called me and said we have to meet right now. I did not have much time, however; I told him the time I did have was his. Upon arriving I told him "Let's go and talk." He said, "No, I need you to talk to a friend of mine in my car outside." I joined him and as we walked he shared the story about his friend. I told him, "Let's give this to Jesus." I met the man and began telling Him how Jesus loved him and shared with him how He had changed my life and that He could do the same for him. The spirit of God was present and in around 20 minutes this man prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. This man and his family have been to church the past two months and you can see the difference Christ has made in his life. I was simply obedient to God and shared what Christ had done and is doing in my life. It was not me that saved that man, it was Jesus. You can do the same. Give the situation over to Jesus and ask Him to use you. He is responsible for the results. As His children we are responsible to share Christ with everyone we meet so that they have the opportunity to invite Christ into their heart.

- 8.) Have you had the opportunity to hear someone ask Christ into their heart?
- 9.) Have you personally lead someone to Christ? Share.

******EVERYDAY******

Something that is repetitious, that occurs over and over without even thinking about it.

- 10.) How many things do you do in the course of a day that you do out of repetition and do not even realize you are doing it?

A lifestyle of living for Christ everyday includes intentional evangelism.

- 11.) Read Acts 5:42. This verse shows that living for Christ also includes fellowship with other believers, lifting one another up in prayer, and sharing with one another the blessings of God.

Session 7 "Strategy and Mission Measures" February 21, 2010

Strategy and Mission Measures:

1. What is the Mission of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
2. Share testimonies of anyone who has lived out the mission this week.
3. What are the 5 Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
4. Which Value stands out to you as a member of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
5. Share a story that reveals how someone in the class has transformed toward the image of Christ over the past year.

The strategy we use to move people along a path to growth in their walk with Christ and as a member of First Baptist Church Indian Trail is as follows:

ENCOUNTER:

A person must first have an encounter with Christ that penetrates their heart. At First Baptist Church Indian Trail we want this encounter with Christ to be early, often in corporate worship and through our evangelistic efforts in everything that we do. For this encounter with Christ to be most effective it is important to realize that there are other encounters a person has when attending First Baptist Church Indian Trail. It all starts when they turn into the parking lot. We place high value in offering a pleasant encounter here by having parking lot volunteers directing traffic and providing space for guests to park so they do not drive through without stopping due to the long walk from the back parking lot to the door. This is why we ask that our members park toward the back of the lot and catch the mini bus so parking for guests is close. The next encounter is greeters at the doors and at the welcome center. These encounters, if done properly, help make the Christ encounter all the more possible when a person finally sits in the pew to worship.

DISCOVER:

First Baptist Church Indian Trail wants everyone to discover Christ. Our strategy is that all will have the opportunity to discover Christ during our worship service and at least once a month an evangelistic opportunity is given in every Life Group. Beyond people discovering Christ we want them to discover First Baptist Church Indian Trail's history, doctrine, our mission, our values, and our strategy. This is why we have a membership requirement for everyone called Discovery Class. This class introduces all who attend First Baptist Church Indian Trail, to Christ, and helps each person discover their own spiritual gifts, abilities, and their personality profile. All this is helpful and essential as we feel every member of First Baptist Church Indian Trail should be

The coming days are sure to be filled with excitement as we allow Christ to lead us in this process of alignment. Our best days are truly ahead of us. Make sure that each of you keep the Pastor, Staff, and Leadership in your prayers as we seek to impact the culture for Christ's sake here in Indian Trail and around the world.

Close in prayer and challenge each other to, "Love and lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ" over the next week.

How we begin our day is critical to being in tune with God and His plans for us throughout that day.

- 12.) How often do we leave home without first getting dressed? We would never do this. Yet, how often do we leave our home in the morning at the beginning of the day without having first welcomed our Savior into our life's journey telling Him He is in charge and has freedom to do with this day what He wants?

This does not mean we do not make plans. We just allow Him to adjust our plans according to His will and way and not our selfish will and way.

- 13.) List some ways that will ensure that you begin the day with Him and carry Him with you throughout the day. He wants you to be intentional about recognizing "His" presence with us EVERYDAY!

*******"WALK WITH CHRIST"*******

- 14.) How can we "walk with Christ?"
- 15.) Does He want us to "walk with Him"?

Do you think you are walking with Christ more intimately today than yesterday? than last month? than last year?

- 16.) Can we know if we are walking more intimately with Christ? What are the signs?
- 17.) Read Colossians 1:10. What does this verse give us concerning a life that is growing in intimacy with Christ?
- 18.) Are you walking more intimately with Christ based on this verse?
- 19.) If Colossians 1:10-14 was all you had to go on, what do you need to do to make sure you are growing in your intimacy with Christ?

God's love letter has many more verses that show us how He cares deeply for you and your spiritual maturity.

When my son was seven years old, I taught him how to run the mile to win. I told him to start slow, let everyone else race ahead, keep a steady pace, and eventually the others will run out of steam and start walking; then you will pass them all before the mile is up. He tried it and came in first. The Christian life is much like this race. It is not how fast you start, it is that you consistently, daily connect with Him and learn from Him and apply His teachings to your life daily. Before you know it, you will think and act like Him in more and more situations in your life. Others will know you by your fruit, your actions, your attitudes, your life. 2 Peter 3:18.

20.) Now say the whole mission statement together: “Love and lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.”

Share examples of how you are implementing this into your everyday life.

21.) What do you personally feel God is calling you to do so that you might begin to love and lead everyone you meet? Go around the room and let each other share their stories.

Let several others share their stories at the beginning of class each week so we can see results from all of us loving and leading everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.

Close with prayer asking God to help all of us to be more intentional about sharing the love and mission of Christ with everyone we meet this week.

22.) Everyone say the mission statement together: “Love and lead every one we meet into an everyday walk with Christ.”

- Life Track classes offered on Wednesday nights in specialized areas of living to help people grow to a deeper and richer walk with Christ. The goal is to help learners in areas of weakness so they can overcome and in turn help others.

- The word tells us you will be known by the fruit you produce. It is necessary for evaluation to take place in every believer’s life to make sure they are following the right way. Weekly Life Group classes, worship services and Life Track classes help those to evaluate themselves to see how they are doing and to help them take the next step in the growth process. Accountability groups are available for woman to woman or man to man. All with the goal of helping believers become more like Christ.

10.) On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being least and 10 being most, how would you rate your resemblance to Christ?

11.) What would it take to get you one point ahead? 3 points? 5 points?

12.) What have you done in the last month to strengthen your daily walk with Christ?

13.) What have you done the last 6 months? What results have you seen?

14.) Why is it so difficult to discuss your personal holiness?

15.) Do you think one gets to a point in their personal holiness then stops?

16.) Who’s life can you comment on that you personally have seen great strides in growing more like Christ over the past month? The past year?

17.) What plans do you intend to implement to grow more Christ-like this year?

18.) Who can help hold you accountable? Have you asked them yet?

19.) Read these scripture verses.

- Romans 12:2

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

20.) What do they tell us?

Our journey of explanation of the Mission and Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail is over, however; the real work of living them out as an individual and corporately as a church is just beginning. The real question now is what is your role? What are you going to do to live out the mission, “Love and Lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ?” How will the Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail cause change in the way you view church in general? How will each one of us live the values out? What are we as a class doing now that supports our mission and values? What changes do we need to make as a class?

Session 6
“The Values of
First Baptist Church Indian Trail”
February 14, 2010

Time for a review of the Mission and Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail:

- 1.) What is our Mission as a church?
- 2.) Several share how you lived out the mission since last Sunday.
- 3.) What are values?
- 4.) What are the values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail? F, B, C, I
- 5.) What is Focused Outreach? How do we do this?
- 6.) What is Biblical Truth? How do we do this?
- 7.) What is Christ-centered worship? How is it achieved?
- 8.) What is Intentional Care? How is this done?
- 9.) What has spoken to you the most over the past 5 weeks?

Our 5th and final Value is:

T-Transformed Lives - We guide people to a life changing relationship in Christ Jesus.

Matthews 28:19-20 is our mandate. We live by these words. Beginning with “go,” all the way to the end of the verse, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” Focused outreach is the first step in the transformed life, however; it is not the last step. Our responsibility begins there but does not end there. First Baptist Church Indian Trail is committed to help people go from a life without Christ, to a follower of Christ, a believer, who in turn shares what Christ has done in his/her life with others, who are without Christ.

First Baptist Church Indian Trail strategy to people to a life changing relationship in Christ and help them establish a pattern for successful growth as a believer by:

- Providing age appropriate Life Groups, which foster learning as you go through life together. Preschool through Adults have the opportunity to gather weekly in small groups to study God’s word and experience life together. First Baptist Church Indian Trail provides bible based and doctrinally sound learning materials that are open group oriented. This means anyone can attend on any Sunday and feel as if they are not behind or left out. This formula welcomes those outside the walls of our church and honors Christ. The emphasis is on growing in your personal life so that you are more like Christ today than yesterday.

Session 3
“The Values of
First Baptist Church Indian Trail”
January 24, 2010

Values are non-negotiable. They are our daily points of reference that give our church direction and focus. When all five of our values are in alignment synergy is achieved. This synergy is then able to propel our church forward in purpose, mission, ministry, and forward in unity. A great example of this is found in the mission and values of Chick-fil-A.

Illustration: “The story of Chick-fil- A”:

Chick-fil-A founder, S. Truett Cathy is a devout Southern Baptist who has taught Sunday School for over 51 years and whose religious beliefs permeate the company to this day. The company's official statement of corporate purpose says that the business exists "to glorify God by being a faithful steward of all that is entrusted to us and to have a positive influence on all who come in contact with Chick-fil-A." The chain invests heavily in community services (especially for children and teenagers) and scholarships. Cathy's beliefs are also responsible for one of the chain's distinctive features: All Chick-fil-A locations (company-owned and franchised, whether in a mall or freestanding) are closed on Sundays.

“Our decision to close on Sunday was our way of honoring God and directing our attention to things more important than our business. If it took seven days to make a living with a restaurant, then we needed to be in some other line of work. Through the years, I have never wavered from that position.”

—S. Truett Cathy

The religious organizations to which Truett Cathy and Chick-fil-A have lent support include such groups as Focus on the Family and Liberty University. Groups researching financial support of religious groups have noted that Truett Cathy is one of the largest corporate sponsors of politically active religious groups in the US, largely through grants from the Truett Cathy Foundation but occasionally through direct sponsorship as well or through partnership with other foundations that are major corporate sponsors of politically active religious groups.

Chick-fil-A has promoted religious groups via toys and CDs included in children's meals, much as movie studios promote new movies via McDonald's Happy Meal toys. These have ranged from including toys from the Christian television series VeggieTales in children's meals to including *Financial Peace for Kids* children's books by Christian financial guru Dave Ramsey and

CDs from the Christian radio program Adventures in Odyssey, as children's meal incentives. The last show mentioned is produced by the radio division of Focus on the Family, and typically heard on Christian radio stations.

Chick-fil-A and Focus on the Family also have a history of cross-promotion. Chick-fil-A has also sponsored meetings by the group All Pro Dad; which is a group with affiliations with Focus on the Family via a group called Family First. Family First promotes a large number of conservative religious causes, including covenant marriage.

Chick-fil-A has also directly sponsored other religious campaigns. One of the groups sponsored by Chick-fil-A is Athletes In Action; which is a sports missionary arm of the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Amidst the company's push to the southwest, Las Vegas remains the southern-most metropolitan area without a Chick-fil-A location.

Another link between Chick-fil-A and religious groups includes promotion of National Bible Week. S. Truett Cathy is the chair of the National Bible Week Committee.

Truett Cathy is also heavily involved in the WinShape Foundation, a non-profit organization which was started in 1984 with its goal to "shape winners" by offering summer camps, retreats, foster care, and other services.

In New Jersey, they give support to Choices of the Heart.

Chick-fil-A's connection to Christianity has even been brought up in court when Aziz Latif, a Houston-based Muslim employee for 6 years, sued the company in 2002 for firing him, alleging that he was fired for his religious beliefs when he had refused to take part in an employee prayer. The suit was settled on undisclosed terms.

Our Values at First Baptist Church Indian Trail are:

F – Focused Outreach - We teach and lead our members to effectively share their faith everyday.

We want everyone to know that we teach and lead our members to effectively share their faith every day. The main reason we hold this value so high is the biblical mandate in the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." The kind of evangelism called for in this commission does not end with the

Close in prayer asking God to help everyone understand their role in making this value "intentional care" a reality for everyone on every "Ministry List" church-wide.

Ministry to our class is vital to having healthy growth that is God-focused and not I-focused. We must show the love of Christ to each other and the world if we want the message of Christ to get outside the walls of our church. Your roll or “ministry list” will only receive the care you give it.

C. Fellowship Coordinator: works with the ministry coordinator and other class leaders to develop ways to encourage the development of closer friendships and personal relationships. This includes planning ongoing activities and events that bring people together for fun and fellowship. Responsible for providing opportunities for the class to build a sense of community.

D. Prayer Coordinator: guides the class toward spiritual transformation through encouraging personal daily devotional and Bible study activities. Leads the class to become involved in the prayer ministry of the church and coordinates the prayer ministry of the class.

E. Missions Coordinator: leads the group to support missions, giving and participate in mission education and ministry projects. Works with the ministry coordinator, other class leaders, and church leaders to plan and coordinate class involvement in church-and-class-sponsored mission and ministry projects.

- 12.) Is your class organized to show intentional care?
- 13.) Do you have care groups?
- 14.) Share with the class how you or your family have been shown care from First Baptist Church Indian Trail.

Other strategies for Intentional Care:

- Providing a staff member solely for Pastoral Care to make visits to members in all matter of need.
 - Offering classes through Life Track to train people in the areas of grief recovery, divorce, addictions, personal finances, and other life situations.
 - Providing an active benevolence team and counseling ministry to ensure the critical needs of our fellowship are met.
- 15.) Read Scripture verses:
 - Matthew 25:45
 - Philippians 4:10
 - John 13:35
 - 1 Peter 5:7

conversion of the unbeliever but is extended with the phrase “I am with you, even to the end of the age” until He returns.

Our desire is for everyone as they walk through life everyday to be on the lookout for those God would have them witness to and share His love. Many refer to this as looking out for our “divine appointments;” those opportunities God gives every believer to share about Him and what He has done and is doing in your life. The simplest way to share your faith is simply share what God has done for you. Share how your life was without Him, how you came to know Him, and how He has changed and is changing your life now. No one can take away from you what He has done for you. No one can dispute what He is doing and has done for one of His children. This is the power of focused outreach.

- 1.) Have one or more share their testimony of faith now in 2 minutes.
- 2.) Homework: Everyone write out your personal testimony. Your life before Christ, how you came to know Christ, and what He is doing in your life right now. Be able to share it with the class next week in one minute.

First Baptist Church Indian Trail’s strategy for outreach is:

- Weekly GROW outreach on Monday evenings.
- Classes such as “Way of the Master” offered as a Life Track class.
- Every Life Group enlisting an outreach director to help keep the focus on outreach in front of our classes each week.
- Time given each week in class for members to share their witnessing opportunities.
- Planning church-wide evangelistic events with purpose of reaching the lost such as Judgement House and Heaven’s Gates & Hell’s Flames.
- Providing an opportunity for everyone to respond to Jesus during each and every worship service or special event.

- 3.) Share an opportunity this past week when you spoke to someone about your relationship with Christ.

B – Biblical Truth - We teach people the truths of the Bible to guide them in daily living.

2 Timothy 2:2 “All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, re-buking, correcting, and training in righteousness...”

First Baptist Church Indian Trail believes the scripture to be: (read each verse out loud)

- Given by inspiration of God. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:16
- Christ sanctioned. Matthew 4:4
- Christ taught. Luke 24:27
- Described as:
 - ◊ Pure - Proverbs 30:5
 - ◊ True - John 17:17
 - ◊ Perfect - Psalms 19:7
 - ◊ Precious - Psalms 19:10
 - ◊ Quick and Powerful - Hebrews 4:12

First Baptist Church Indian Trail believes the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man.

Our Strategy:

- Teaching Biblical truth through our Life Group classes weekly.
 - Teaching the Bible through our Life Track classes.
 - Preaching the relevance and sufficiency of God's Word in every service.
 - Teaching Biblical truth through Christian Education at MCA.
- 4.) Is the Bible applicable to our culture today? Read Deuteronomy 32:47. Why?
 - 5.) Is it important to study God's word on a consistent basis? Read verses Proverbs 6:23; John 16:33; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Why?
 - 6.) What is the method you use to study God's word?
 - 7.) What has God revealed to you recently through His word?

First Baptist Church Indian Trail stands on the inerrant, relevant, revealed, and inspired Holy word of God!

2. Because you are the first level of pastoral care in our church.
 - a. Those under your care may and probably will come to you first with a need.
 - b. You are the eyes, ears, and hands of our Life Group ministry.
3. Because people have needs.
4. Because people are hurting.

• **Who Is Under My Care?**

1. Members
2. Associate Members
3. Prospects

The method of choice for ministry to take place in our Life Groups is L.I.S.T., which will offer each class an opportunity to minister to everyone on roll in the following four different ways over the course of a month:

Week 1: Letter Week

Care coordinators will see to it that every person on the roll receives a letter letting them know they are thought of and special to the group.

Week 2: Intercessory Prayer Week

A list of everyone's names will be made available to pass out to each learner this week. The goal is for everyone on the roll to be prayed for by name several times through the course of the week by several different people.

Week 3: Stop By Week

Ministry Coordinators, along with Outreach Leaders, work hand-in-hand to get directions to several different families' homes on the roll who have been inactive. The purpose of the stop-by visit is to let the family know the class cares for them and wants to minister to them. Prayer with the family and an invitation to join the class at its next fellowship is offered. There is no expectation placed on the family, the class is simply showing them the love of Christ.

Week 4: Telephone Week

A copy of the entire roll is passed out, with phone numbers, to those present on the fourth Sunday and the class is divided up evenly among those who agree to call class members simply to let them know we care. Ask for prayer needs and tell of upcoming fellowships and special events in the church. Be sensitive to not making the member have to give excuses of why they have missed classes, showing them the love of Christ.

We must be careful in our words and actions that we do not put up hurdles for them to jump. Showing the love and being the hands and feet of Jesus to everyone on each of our “ministry list” will draw them to Him when the time is right. We have our part to do, which is to show intentional care. We must do our part even if they do not meet our expectations of attendance, acceptance or appreciation. There will be a time when everyone on our “ministry list” will come to a place in life where they need Jesus and will turn to the place that has modeled Jesus to them. Let that be us!!!

Ministry Coordinator

Position Purpose

The Life Group Ministry Coordinator leads the class to function as an open group by working with the teacher and the other church leaders.

Position Qualifications:

1. Member of First Baptist Church Indian Trail
2. Willingness to carry out expectations of class organization
3. Enlisted by teacher
4. Embraces FBC Life Group strategy and values

Position Expectations:

1. Register guests and keep accurate attendance records
2. Develop and implement plans leading the class in evangelism including training and follow-up of guests and prospects
3. Develop and implement plans to care for class members.
4. Develop and implement plans involving the class in fellowships outside of Life Group to build ongoing relationships
5. Enlist leaders to do the ministry of:
 - A. **Visitation/Evangelism Coordinator:** works with the ministry coordinator, teacher, and apprentice to develop and implement a class evangelism strategy.
 - B. **Care Group Leaders (Ministry List Leaders):** the goal is to provide one ministry list leader for every four to six members and members-in-service. The ministry list leaders work with the ministry coordinator, teacher, and apprentice to assure that every class member is contacted weekly.

• Why is the Care Group Ministry Important?

1. Because 80% of what we do in Life Groups is **care** for people.

Session 4 “The Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail” January 31, 2010

Let’s review for a moment:

- 1.) What is the mission statement of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
- 2.) How have you lived this mission this past week? (*Several share*)
- 3.) What are values?
- 4.) What were the first 2 values we discussed last week? (F and B summarize those 2 values for review and for those who were not here last week.)
- 5.) Homework last week. Have 4-6 people share their personal testimony.

Today we will look at another value we hold as a church.

C – Christ-centered Worship - We lead others into a lifestyle of worshipping Jesus Christ in spirit and truth.

There are a lot of misconceptions about true worship. What is often debated is worship styles and not the act of worship itself. The reality is that for worship to take place the following scenario must be known by the one attempting to worship. Christ is the audience. Jesus is on the throne. For worship to take place we must realize this simple yet profound truth. He is the audience. Worship within this context is then a verb. Worship is action. Our weekly worship services are designed taking into account that He is the audience. We are worshipers lifting our hearts, souls, mind and body up to Him. He knows our thoughts, our attitudes, and our motives. Think about it. When you last worshiped did you worship (verb) with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength or did you worship (go through the motions) with little action on your part to really search your heart, soul, mind and body? There is a huge difference.

worship [[wúrship](#)] - verb (*past and past participle wor-shipped or wor-shipped, present participle wor-ship-ing or wor-ship-ping, 3rd person present singular wor-ships*)

Definition:

A. transitive and intransitive verb treat somebody or something as deity: to treat somebody or something as divine and show respect by engaging in acts of prayer and devotion.

B. intransitive verb take part in religious service: to take part in a religious service.

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C. *transitive verb* **love somebody deeply**: to love, admire, or respect somebody or something greatly and perhaps excessively or unquestioningly.

- 6.) How are you worshipping Him? Why?
- 7.) What is your response to the statement, “You are the actor, He is the audience?”
- 8.) Will this change the way you worship Him?
- 9.) Why should we worship Jesus?
- 10.) Have you ever experienced this type of worship? When? Where?

What is First Baptist Church Indian Trail’s strategy for worship?

- Providing authentic and passionate worship experiences that center on God’s Word and touches the hearts of people.
- Emphasizing a daily quiet time in the life of each believer.
- Prioritizing prayer in services and a ministry of intercessory prayer.
- Providing Life Group material that helps promote a time of weekly family worship.

“And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”
John 12:32

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.” John 4:23

- 11.) Read above verses and ask for responses.
- 12.) What are these verses saying?
- 13.) Why do we often just go through the motions of worship?

Close in prayer giving time for each member to search their hearts about how they worship verses how God wants them to worship Him.

Let us all “Love and lead everyone we meet into an everyday walk with Christ this week.”

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Let’s review what we have studied over the past 4 weeks.

- 1.) What is the mission of First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
- 2.) How have you personally carried out the mission this week?
- 3.) What are the Values of First Baptist Church Indian Trail that we have covered? F, B, C
- 4.) Share a personal story or testimony of how one of these has impacted your life over the past 4 weeks...
- 5.) Last week we discussed Christ Centered Worship. Did this impact the way you have worshiped Christ over the past week?

Our 4th value is:

I – Intentional Care - We extend the overwhelming love of Christ to others by showing them we genuinely care.

First Baptist Church Indian Trail attempts to extend the overwhelming love of Christ to others by showing them we genuinely care.

- 6.) What is genuine care?
- 7.) How can we as a 6,000 member church care for everyone?
- 8.) Who is First Baptist Church Indian Trail?
- 9.) How is care covered in our Life Groups? Every Life Group class, if properly functioning, enlists a Ministry Coordinator.
- 10.) Why is the Ministry Coordinator job so important? What is the Ministry Coordinator job description?
- 11.) Go over the role and responsibility of the Ministry Coordinator as laid out in the Leader’s Guidebook. Explain in detail how we as a church depend on the Life Group to administer care and concern for all who are on your class “ministry list.”

Each class has a Sunday school roll we refer to as a “ministry list.” If those on that “ministry list” are to be effectively cared for it is the responsibility of the class to do the ministry. That means everyone needs the same care and concern. This is effectively done in each class by following the protocol of the Leaders Guidebook. Please remember that it is the classes responsibility to “build a bridge” to each of those on their “ministry list.” You “build a bridge” by letters, calls, and visits with the intention of showing them you care. The mistake we often make is the expectation of a certain response.