First Baptist Church of Sterling

New Members Training Guide
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Welcome to First Baptist Church of Sterling

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Sterling, VA
On behalf of our Bishop Leslie Patterson, Jr., and Co-Pastor Francene V. Patterson, the New Members Ministry would like to extend a personal greeting to you. We are happy to have you as a member of our church body. We look forward to worshiping with you. If we can assist you in any way through your Christian journey, please contact the New Members Ministry via email (newmembersministry@fbcsterlingva.org) or contact our church office at (703) 450-3322.

First Baptist Church of Sterling Mission Is

- To be a Bible believing and teaching Church
- Provide Christian fellowship to you and your family
- Proclaiming God’s message of salvation to a lost and dying world
- To be a place of Worship and Praise

Our Vision Is

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*
*Proverbs 29:18*

The vision and goal of First Baptist Church of Sterling, is to preach, practice and produce the gospel to the spiritual, emotional, physical and financial captivity; to give sight to the spiritually blind; and those who have been emotionally wounded and bruised by life’s battles.

*Ephesians 2:19*

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.*
New Members Expectations

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Sterling family involves a commitment from both the people joining the church and also from those who are already part of the church family.

As a member of First Baptist Church of Sterling you can expect to:

- hear the Word of God from the Old and New Testaments taught and proclaimed
- experience the mutually supportive fellowship of the Body of Christ in Worship
- be offered a variety of learning experiences based upon the Word of God
- have the opportunity of an empowering and nonjudgmental counsel
- be comforted in sickness and encouraged to recovery of good health
- be assured that the fellowship and the ministers are praying for you
- be afforded the opportunity to serve in one of the church ministries
- be kept informed of current events

What is expected of you as a new member of First Baptist Church of Sterling

Membership means commitment - Commitment on our part to encourage you to know Jesus Christ and to grow in your relationship with Him. We want to minister to you spiritually to help you experience “community” and know that you belong to God’s visible, earthly family. In addition, we want to impart a vision as to what God can do in and through your life, to equip, and teach you so we can help you assist in the edification of God’s Kingdom.

New Members Commitments:

⇒ Jesus Christ
⇒ Your Family
⇒ First Baptist Church of Sterling mission and vision
⇒ Your Community
New Members Class Schedule

New Membership Orientation classes are to teach and train those joining the church. The classes are divided into four areas of study. All classes start at 6:45 PM on Wednesday evenings prior to Bible Study.

1. Salvation........................................... (1st Wednesday)
2. Baptism............................................. (2nd Wednesday)
3. Stewardship........................................ (3rd Wednesday)
4. Studying the Bible............................... (4th Wednesday)

The classes provide a solid foundation for those new to the faith and those who may come by Christian experience but need spiritual renewal.

Items you will need:

- Bible (if you need a Bible, please contact someone in the new members ministry in person or via email at newmembersministry@fbcsterlingva.org).
- New Members Study Guide
- Open heart to receive God’s Word

Please Note: At anytime feel free to contact the Director of the New Members Ministry, Minister Greg Barrett if you have any questions or email him at newmembersministry@fbcsterlingva.org.