



*Cleveland's*  
**First Baptist Church**

*Welcome to the Family!*

SENIOR PASTOR

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Dr. Ed Seay

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Associate Pastor of  
Discipleship and  
Ministries

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Juan Flores

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Youth and Worship  
Pastor

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John Golike

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Children's Director  
and Office Manager

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Bethany Porter

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### **About the Scriptures**

We believe that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit of God to write the very words of scripture. Therefore, we believe the Bible is without error.

### **About God**

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to humanity and to become the Savior of the lost world.

### **About Humanity**

We believe that all people were created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him but became alienated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, people are incapable of regaining a right relationship with God through their own efforts.

# Core Beliefs

### **About Salvation**

We believe that the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. God freely offers salvation to those who place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin.

### **About the Christian Life**

We believe that all Christians should live for Christ and not for themselves. By obedience to the Word of God and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer should mature and be conformed to the image of Christ.

### **About the Church**

We believe that the church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. The members of the church are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and making Him known to the lost world.

# Foundational Baptist Doctrines

## **The Infallibility and Authority of Scripture**

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT)

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

## **Baptism by Immersion Following Conversion**

Acts 2:38 (NLT)

Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## **Salvation by Grace Through Faith**

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

10 For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## **Eternal Security for Those Who Have Been Born Again**

John 10:27–29 (NLT)

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand

# Values

We have identified four key values - based on Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4.

## Relationships

Jesus began a real relationship with the woman at the well. We value people over programs. We believe life-change happens best in relationship. Our ministry will flow through relationships with people.

## Reaching

Jesus intentionally initiated a conversation with the Samaritan woman. We must also initiate conversations and relationships with a goal of sharing Jesus with people who need to know him.

## Life-Change

The woman in this story experienced a radical shift in values and priorities. Her life changed. We desire to see people's lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Innovation

Jesus did several things in this encounter that went against the normal behavior of the day. We must be willing to go beyond what is comfortable and try new things to do whatever it takes to share Jesus.

# DEACONS



Joe Bazar



James Bland



Jesse Hensarling



Lloyd Lewis



Dennis Shew



Lynn Slack



Johnny Stanley

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

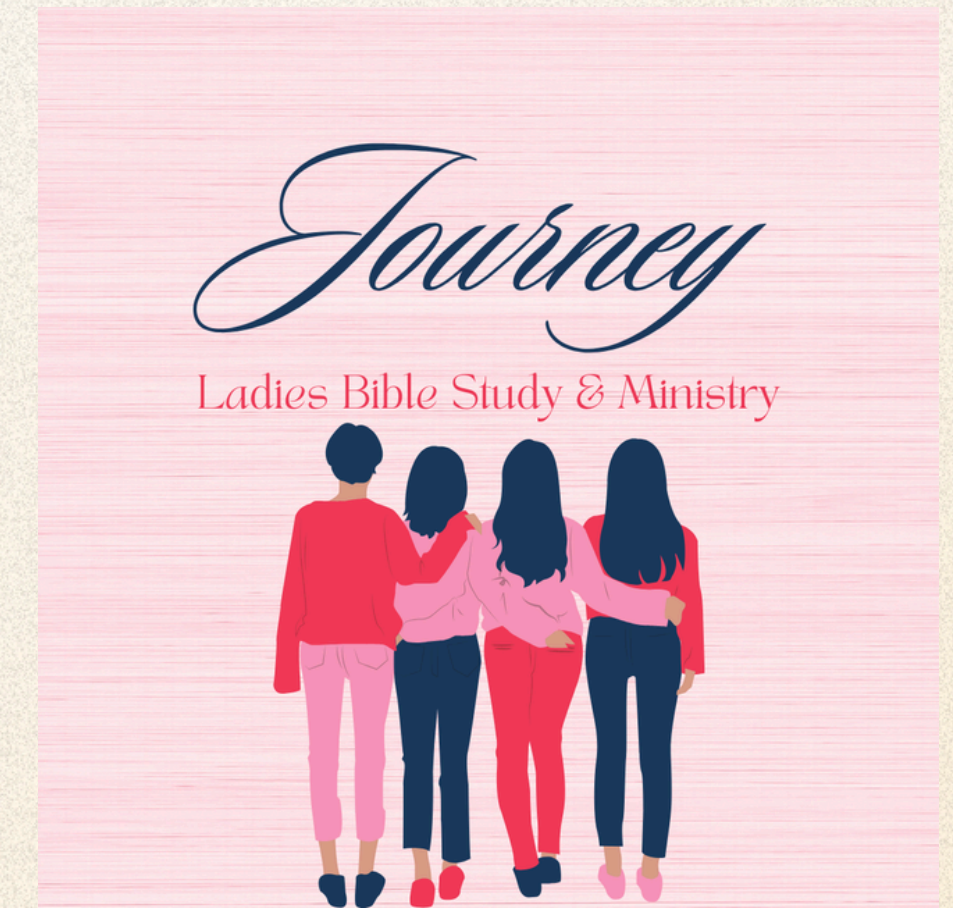


Led by Joseph and Mackenzie Sols for single or married 20 and 30 year old's. This is a fun and engaging learning experience. We have both new believers and seasoned followers who are committed to the gospel. We are focused on equipping everyone with Biblical truths on how to handle today's world."



Led by Richard Bradshw, this is a multi-age group with both singles and married couples. Our primary goal is what our acronym stands for - we want our members to Grow in Faith Together. There is freedom to participate in class discussion and no question is considered frivolous. We want members to feel welcomed, connected, and to grow in their knowledge and wisdom of God's Word."

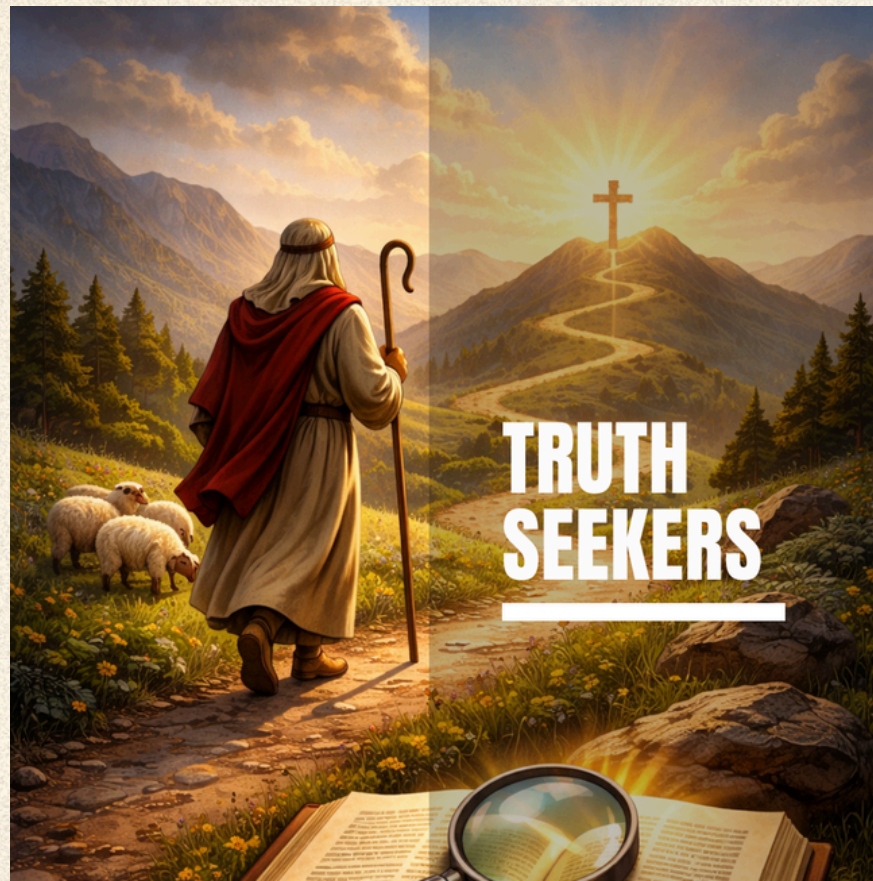
-Joyce Adams, Secretary and Outreach



Led by Connie Johnson, this class is for ladies of all ages. The Journey class is a growing group of women bound by our love of prayer and studying of God's Word. We are Sister in Christ having fun together. We would love to welcome newcomers to share in our amazing journey!"

- Ms. Connie

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



This is an all ages co-ed class.



Led by Lloyd Lewis and Mary Jane Blair, this class is for those age 70 and over. We start with prayer and offering for specific local needs. Afterwards, the class splits into two, men with Lloyd and ladies with Mary Jane.

"Our focus is to expand knowledge and understanding of God's Word and carry out His instruction."

-Ken Everitt, Director



Led by Lloyd Lewis, this group meets at Cleveland Health Care Center, a nursing home located on Houston Street.

# Ministries and Committees



**John Golike**  
Youth Pastor



**Mario Ruvalcaba**  
Youth Volunteer



**Tatiana Ruvalcaba**  
Youth Volunteer



**Anthony Flores**  
Youth Volunteer



**Lacey Smith**  
Youth Volunteer

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Associate Pastor  
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# KIDS MINISTRY



**Bethany Porter**  
Children's Director



**Ashleigh Henderson**  
Preschool Volunteer



**Becky Welch**  
Kids Volunteer



**Jesse Hensarling**  
Nursery Volunteer



**Ta'ja Pittman**  
Preschool Volunteer



**Drew Arrendell**  
Kids Volunteer



**Kim Wood**  
Kids Volunteer



**Shirleen Lewis**  
Nursery Volunteer



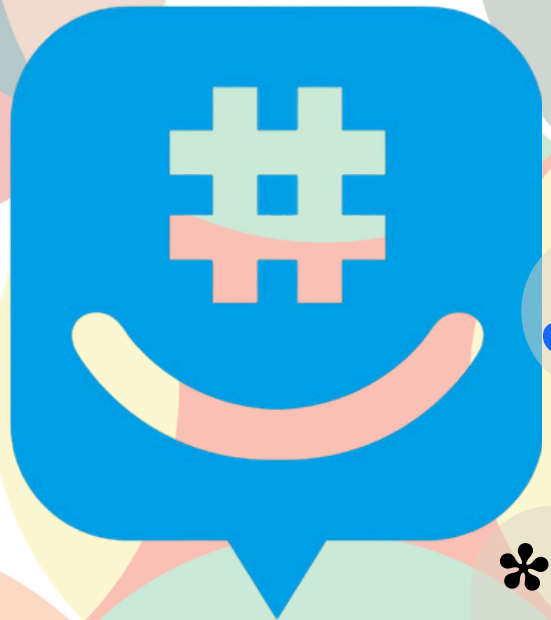
**Jessica Stein**  
Preschool Volunteer



**Arlene Barger**  
Kids Volunteer



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*Bethany Porter*

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR



*The*  
**VINE**  
*Homeschool Co-op*



**Lacey Smith**  
Co-Director



**Tatiana Ruvalcaba**  
Co-Director

Meets every Thursday  
1-1:45: PE with Dragon Sports  
2-2:45: ASL  
3-3:45: Monthly Focus Class

Every adult that helps with the care of minors is required to have a background check on file. Checks are repeated every two years.

Additionally, staff and volunteers are required to complete a Child Abuse Prevention training.

Please see John Golike or Bethany Porter for additional requirements to work with minors.

# MENS Ministry



**Milton Carter**



**Anthony Flores**



**Lloyd Lewis**



**Shain Odom**

# Women's MINISTRY



**Connie Johnson**  
Chairperson



**Pam Connaly**



**Carolyn Richardson**



# SENIOR ADULTS

- **Sunday School**
- **Monthly Lunch Trip**
- **Annual Fish Fry**
- **Regular Game Days**
- **...and more!**

**Please see the following for  
more info...**

- **Joe Bazar**
- **Arlene Barger**
- **Barbara Lewis**

**“All church committee members shall be recommended by the nominating committee, and elected by the church unless otherwise stated in the committee guidelines.**

**The Nominating committee will be appointed by the Senior Pastor with members serving two-year terms. Each year three members will go on and three will rotate off. The nominating committee will select its own chairman.”**

**CFBC Bylaws, 2019  
Section 1.11 - General**

## Audit

**Purpose: to conduct an annual audit of the church's financial records, in accordance with the church bylaws.**

**Consisting of three members, serving three years**

## Budget

**Purpose: to prepare, propose, and promote the annual budget for the church.**

**Consisting of six members - chairman of the following: Finance, Personnel, Building/Grounds/Maintenance, Deacons, and Church Treasurer.**

## Finance

**Purpose: to recommend financial policies for the church and responsible for the financial management within the framework of the adopted policies.**

**Consisting of five members, including the church Treasurer and an active Deacon, serving three years.**

## Insurance

**Purpose: The insurance committee shall have full responsibility for examining all aspects of the church insurance coverage.**

**Consisting of three members, serving three years.**

## Nominating

**Purpose: to recommend annually Church Officers, Sunday School positions, and Committees.**

**Consisting of six members appointed by the Senior Pastor, serving two years.**

## Personnel

**Purpose: responsible for assisting the Pastor and the church in matters related to personnel administration and management including such areas as employment salaries, benefits, grievances, responsibilities, and job descriptions for the church staff and all paid employees of the church.**

**Consisting of five members serving three years.**

# CFBC Teams



## AUDIO & VISUAL

Under the direction of Worship Pastor John Golike.

This team is responsible for the broadcast of Sunday Service, audio needs for church events, and maintaining the equipment in the Sound Booth.



## BUILDING OPEN AND CLOSE

Chairperson: Pam Connaly

This team is responsible for opening and closing the FLC on Sunday's. This includes setting thermostats on Saturday evening, unlocking doors and disabling security on Sunday morning, and shutting off thermostats, resetting alarm and locking on Sunday afternoon.

Serve once per quarter.



## BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

Chairperson: Niki Coats

This team is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and care of all church facilities. Repairing damage or seeking professional contract labor as needed and funds allow. Skilled help is always needed and welcomed.



## BUS MAINTENANCE

Chairperson: James Bland

This team is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and care of the church bus. A 24-passenger vehicle. This includes regular checks for vandalism, observation/repair of wear and tear parts, and checking fluids.



## CHAIR & TABLE RESET

Chairperson: Arlene Barger

This team is responsible for stacking and moving chairs prior to and after an event in the FLC.

# CFBC Teams



## COFFEE BAR

Chairperson: Bessie Lindsay

This team is responsible for setting out and storing the coffee bar in the FLC on Sunday's.

Current members serve once per month.



## DECORATING

Chairperson: Lisa Bowen

This team is responsible for decorating the church for holidays and special events.



## SAFETY

Chairperson: Mike Hill

This team is responsible for overseeing the safety of the congregation and security of the church grounds. To learn more, please see Mike Hill.



## WORSHIP

Under the direction of Worship Pastor, John Golike.

This team is responsible for learning music and assisting with leading the church during Worship on Sunday's and Special Events.

Choir performs monthly after a mandatory monthly practice.



## WELCOME CENTER

Chairperson: Cathy Hill

This team is responsible for greeting all at the Welcome Center in the FLC, preparing gift bags for guests, and helping all who enter feel welcome and encouraged.

Current members serve monthly.

# Stay connected!

Be sure the office has your email  
to receive regular updates!

Also, connect to the CFBC Google  
Calendar to know when all the fun  
is happening!



# Office Staff

Monday - Thursday

9 AM - 2 PM

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**Bethany Porter**  
Office Manager  
Monday - Thursday



**Valarie Hightower**  
Financial Secretary  
Monday & Tuesday