

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMILTON, OHIO
Church Facility Use Request and Agreement

It is the policy of First Baptist Church to make its facilities available for use by non-profit groups for the purposes of, or in a manner that is not inconsistent with, the mission of its ministry as outlined in the church's Statement of Faith entitled "What We Believe." Every request will be given consideration except in circumstances where a request is made to use the facilities on a profit basis. There is no fee or donation required to reserve use of the church facilities. In order for the request to be adequately considered, please provide the following information in full.

Name and address of group desiring to use facilities _____

Website of group _____

Specific person responsible _____

Phone Number (Day) _____ (Night) _____

Email address _____

Detail any relationship to this church _____

Specific purpose of use _____

Facilities needed (gym, classrooms, kitchen, etc.) _____

Equipment desired _____

Type of food to be served _____ Number of persons attending _____

Date(s) desired _____

Time access needed _____

Time of departure _____

RETURN FORM TO CHURCH OFFICE AT 1501 PYRAMID HILL BLVD., HAMILTON, OH 45013 OR FAX IT TO 513/785-2042 BEFORE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CHURCH'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. AVAILABILITY WILL DEPEND, IN PART, ON SCHEDULED FIRST BAPTIST ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO GROUPS WITH CONNECTIONS TO FIRST BAPTIST THEN TO OTHER GROUPS.

FACILITY USE RULES AND AGREEMENT AFFIRMATIONS

- 1.) The responsible person identified on page one of this form shall ensure the direct supervision of all event participants, including guests and children present on church property before, during and after the event.
- 2.) All guests are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner and shall not misuse the facilities or equipment. Everyone is reminded that this is a place of Christian worship, study and fellowship and must be treated with care and respect.
- 3.) Access to and use of the facilities, including equipment, is limited to the areas and equipment described on page one of this form and approved by the Board of Trustees, together with the restrooms nearest the described area. Setup of tables, chairs and other items are the responsibility of the group using the facilities. Tables, chairs and other items must be returned to the position in which they were found unless instructed otherwise by church staff. Full cleanup is the responsibility of the group using the facilities.
- 4.) There shall be no running in the hallways.
- 5.) There shall be no smoking on the premises -- inside or out.
- 6.) There shall be no alcohol on the premises -- inside or out.
- 7.) Climbing on, in or around table and chair racks, on and around risers, or on and around the portable basketball goals in the gym is strictly prohibited.
- 8.) First Baptist Church of Hamilton (FBC) shall in no way be responsible for injuries or accidents resulting from participation in sports or any other events at the church. Such injuries or accidents shall be the sole responsibility of the individual participant. First Baptist Church of Hamilton shall not be held responsible for medical or other expenses resulting from such injury or accident. Further, the church shall not be responsible for articles which may be lost, misplaced or stolen during any event.
- 9.) The church cannot guarantee that the driveway, parking lots or walkways will be passable or safe. Approval previously granted for an event is automatically revoked if Hamilton City Schools do not open the day of an event because of inclement weather. The facilities cannot be used that day or evening.
- 10.) FBC does not permit open or unconditional use of its facilities or grounds (referred to as facilities) nor are they generally available for public use. Use of facilities other than the sanctuary is determined on a case by case basis by application. Use of the sanctuary is not permitted without the approval of the Senior Pastor in conjunction with the church's Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons. FBC does not permit any part of its facilities to be used in any manner that is inconsistent with or that contradicts its Statement of Faith, or by persons, groups or organizations that advocate, support or otherwise promote causes or beliefs contrary to that Statement of Faith. By your application, you affirm that the requesting group conforms with the conditions referenced throughout this application to the best of your knowledge, and discovery of any information to the contrary will result in denial of the request and/or immediate withdrawal of consent to use the facilities. You will be provided with a copy of the FBC Statement of Faith and submitting your application acknowledges that you have read and understand its terms."
- 11.) Although no fee or donation is required to use the facilities, utilities and other potential costs incurred by the church will be a factor in considering a request. A charge may be assessed for cleanup of, or damages to, church property.
- 12.) Any violation of these rules or other reasonable conditions are sufficient grounds to request that you, the group you represent, guests and children leave the premises.

Your signature below acknowledges that you and the group you represent accept and affirm the terms and conditions above. It is your responsibility to advise all participants (including guests and children) of these terms and conditions to ensure their compliance.

Printed Name of Responsible Person _____

Signature _____ Date of Request _____

What We Believe
First Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ohio

The Bible The Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, is a divine revelation, verbally inspired by God and written by men moved by the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures are without error in the original writings and are the supreme and final authority in all matters about which they speak. They are to be interpreted in the normal and literal way with consideration to the context and culture when written and spiritually comprehended only as the believer is guided by the Holy Spirit of God. (Jn 16:12-15; Mt 5:18; 2Tm 3:16; 2Pt 1:20-21; 1Cor 2:12-16)

The Godhead God is a Person who has revealed Himself as a Trinity in unity and equality—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: three persons, and yet one God. He is eternally existent and makes Himself known to His creation in such ways that creation might personally relate to Him as witnessed by His various names in Scripture. (Dt 6:4; Mt 28:19; Ac 5:3-4; 1Cor 8:6; 2Cor 13:14)

1. The Father – God

God, the Father, draws men to Himself and loves them. It is because of this love and desire to fellowship with His creation that He consistently acts in history to restore men to Himself. The Father shares the character qualities with the other members of the Godhead: He is spirit; independent; not confined to space or time; perfectly sinless; not limited in knowledge or ability to act. He is love, mercy, faithfulness, holiness, justice, and righteousness. He hears and answers prayer and saves from sin all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Jer 31:3; Jn 3:16, 4:24; Ps 90:2; Heb 4:13; Mt 5:48; 1Cor 1:9; Rm 2:4; Ex 34:7; Is 6:3)

2. The Son –Jesus Christ

a. God, the Son, became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. He was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is both true God and true Man. (Jn 1:1-14, 11:33; Mt 26:38; Heb 1:8, 2:14, 17-18; Mt 1:18-25)

b. Jesus lived a sinless life. He died upon the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sin of the world. All who believe in Him and trust Him for the forgiveness of their sins are declared "righteous" solely on the basis of His shed blood. (Heb 7:26-27; Mk 10:45; Rm 3:21-28, 5:8-9; 1Pt 3:18; Is 53; 1Jn 4:10)

c. Jesus was bodily raised from the grave. He ascended into heaven where He is glorified before the Father. Jesus now serves as high priest, intercessor, and advocate on our behalf before the Father. One day, in a time known only to the Father, Jesus will return to earth personally and visibly to establish His Kingdom, to judge the ungodly, and to reward those who love Him. (Rm 1:4; Jn 20:21; Ac 1:3; 9:11; Eph 1:20-23; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 7:26-27, 10:19-22)

3. The Holy Spirit

God, the Holy Spirit, is a person possessing all of the distinctively divine attributes. He convicts the world of sin, unrighteousness, and judgment. He draws men unto the Father; regenerates, seals, and sets apart the believer to a holy life. At the new birth, the Holy Spirit baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ and indwells the believer in every aspect of life. He also empowers each believer with specific gifts to be used for the edification of the Body of Christ and for ministry to an unbelieving world. He controls the life of the believer to the extent the believer has yielded his will to Him. The Holy Spirit chooses to impart gifts to individual believers that are consistent with the inspired Scriptures, and He is not limited to the gifts He may impart including those given to believers in the early church. (Ac 1:8, 15:28; 16:6-8; Jn 3:5-8, 14:16-17, 26, 16:7-8; Eph 1:13, 4:1-13; Ti 3:5; 2Thes 2:13; 1Cor 12:13; Rm 8:9, 12:3-8)

Man and Sin

Adam and Eve, as the first of God's creation and the "type" of men and women to follow, were created in the image of God and were meant to live in perfect love and fellowship with their Creator. But soon after their creation, they fell into disobedience and sin. Consequently, in their unredeemed state, they experienced not only physical death but spiritual death (separation from God) as well. The consequences of this first sin affected the entire human race, i.e. every person is born with a sinful nature and, in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners by choice in thought, word, and deed. Sin can be best defined as the falling short of God's perfect standard and the failure to accomplish His perfect will. Sin alienates us from the God who created us, but who still loves us even in our fallen condition. All sin must find its end in punishment or forgiveness. (Gn 1:26-27, 2:17, 3:6; Rm 3:23, 5:12-19, 6:23; Eph 2:1-3, 4:17-19; Mk 7:20-23; Jn 2:24-25)

Salvation

1. **Salvation**—Whoever, by faith, receives Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord (i.e. whoever trusts in Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness from sins) is saved from the penalty of sin, becomes a child of God and receives the gift of eternal life. This salvation is not the result of any human effort or merit. (Jn 3:16; Eph 2: 8-9; Jn 1:12, 6:47; Rm 10:9-11; 1Jn 5:10-13; Rev 3:20)

2. **Security**—All true believers are kept eternally secure by the power of God through the new birth, the indwelling and sealing by the Holy Spirit and by the intercession of Christ before the Father. (Jn 10:28-30, 14:16-17; Eph 1:3-7, 13-14, 4:30; 1 Jn 2:1; Rm 8:31-35; Heb 7:25)

3. **Eternal Destiny**—At the death of the believer, the spirit leaves the body and immediately finds its eternal home in the presence of God. At Christ's return for the Church, the spirit will be reunited with a new spiritual body. Those alive at Christ's return will not die; their physical bodies will be exchanged for new spiritual bodies and will forever be with the Lord. The spirits of the unrighteous pass immediately into the place of torment and remain there until the judgment of Christ at the end of the age. After this judgment, the unrighteous will join Satan and his vast army for an eternity of torment in Hell, the Lake of Fire. God is always just in His judgments. We need not fear a mistake in His ability to judge those who do not love Him. (1Cor 15:12-26, 51-58; 1Thes 4:13-18; Phil 3:20-21; Jn 5:28-29; Rev 19:20, 20:5-6, 15; Mt 25:41, 46; Mk 9:43-48; 2Thes 1:9)

Spiritual Warfare

Satan is a reality. He is a personal being who opposes God at every opportunity. He carries out this opposition personally and through spirit beings, human persons, and social structures that have fallen to his control. Though eventually Satan will be totally defeated and consigned to eternal torment and punishment, his current delight is to discourage and defeat Christians. Christians can overcome Satan's schemes by the knowledge and application of Scriptural truth and by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. (Eph 6:10-19; Lk 10:18; Job 1:6-12; Jn 8:44)

The Church

1. **Composition**—The church, the true Body of Christ, is made up of all true believers, regardless of organizational affiliation, from the day of Pentecost until the church is caught up to heaven at the return of Christ. (Col 1:18; Eph 4:4-6; Ac 11:15-16; 1Cor 12:13; Mt 16:18; 1Thes 4:13-17)

2. **Purpose**—The purpose of the church is threefold and is the responsibility of every member who comprises the church:

- To glorify God

- To evangelize the world, i.e. to effectively and faithfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a view to persuading others to receive Him as Savior and Lord.

- To edify its members, i.e. to build up and disciple every member of the church with Scriptural teaching and preaching and to encourage spiritual growth, maturity, and fellowship among its membership. (Eph 1:12, 4:1-3, 15, 16; Mt 28:18-20; 2Cor 5:18-20; Ac 1:8, 2:42,46; Rm 10:12-15; Heb 10:25; 1Thes 5:11)

3. **Ordinances**—Christ has ordained the observance of two practices which should be continued until His return: Believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Mt 28:18-20; Ac 8:12; 1Cor 11:17-34)

4. **Participation in Ministry**—Recognizing that every believer is empowered with spiritual gift(s) imparted by the will of the Holy Spirit, every Christian has the responsibility before the Lord to be involved in the ministry of the church. Attendance at and participation in its worship, study and fellowship, and participation in outreach should be considered part of a believer's lifestyle. (Eph 4:11-16; 1Cor 12:1-31; Heb 10:23-25)

Last Things

1. **Christ's Return for the Church**—At a point in time only known to the Father, Christ will return for the Church. His return is imminent and invisible to the unbelieving world. All members of the Body of Christ, living or dead, will at that time be caught up to be with the Lord forever. (1Thes 4:13-18; 1Cor 15:51-53; Ti 2:13)

2. **The Second Coming of Christ**—Following the Great Tribulation, Jesus will return personally, bodily, visibly, and in the glory of the Father to establish on the earth a Kingdom in which He shall reign in righteousness and peace. He will exercise His supreme authority to judge the living and dead. (Ac 1:11; Mt 24:30; Rev 20:4-6; Is 9:6-7, 11:2-5)

3. **New Heaven and Earth**—A final revolt of the Satanic forces at the end of the Millennial Kingdom will create a new heaven, a new earth and a heavenly city to be enjoyed by God's faithful into eternity. God will make all things new – the old order of things will be destroyed. (Rev 20:7-15, 21:1-22:5)

Social Issues

1. **Sanctity of Life**—All human life is a sacred gift from God and is to be protected and defended from conception to natural death. We uphold the sanctity of life and seek to show the grace and compassion of Christ to those who face the realities of unwanted pregnancy, previous abortion, or end-of-life illness. (Ps 127:3-5, 139:13-14)

2. **Marriage and Family**—God instituted marriage to be a life-long union between one man and one woman, intended for their mutual joy, help and comfort; for the procreation and nurture of godly children; and for the blessing of society. Divorce is always contrary to God's original intention, though in a fallen world it is sometimes an all-too-frequent and tragic reality. The roles of the father and mother, exercised in a variety of ways, are God-given and profoundly important since they are the chief providers of moral instruction and godly living. The single life, either by call or circumstance, is honored by God. It is therefore important for unmarried persons to embrace and be embraced by the Church. (Gn 2:21-25; Dt 11:18-21; Josh 24:15b; Eph 5:22-33; Heb 13:4; Mt 5:31-32, 19:3-9; 1Cor 7:10-17)

3. **Human Sexuality**—We believe that sexuality is inherent to God's creation of human beings in His image as male and female. All Christians are called to chastity: husbands and wives by exclusive sexual fidelity to one another, and single persons by abstinence from sexual activity. God intends and enables all people to live within these boundaries, with the help of the Holy Spirit and in the fellowship of the church body. (Gn 19; Lev 18:22, 20:13; Rm 1:24-32; 1Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21)

As believers, we recognize that a Christian response to all social issues and our role in a secular society must be guided by the principles and admonitions of the inerrant Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In grateful response to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, we welcome every man, woman, and child regardless of race, social or economic status, sexual history, or past behavior. We oppose prejudice in ourselves and others, reject and abhor violence against others, and recognize that all have sinned and need to repent. The church is composed of all persons, who, through faith in Jesus, have confessed Him as Lord!

Our Mission Statement

*We are believers in Jesus Christ, called of God –
Gathering for worship, instruction, and fellowship;
Scattering for care, evangelism, and transformation
of the world for His Kingdom.*