

So now what?

As you begin serving in the Church, we want to remind you that this is all part of the path of discipleship. The goal of this process is to guide you into a more deep and trusting relationship with God. So, we don't ask you to do what is comfortable but what is good for you and what makes you a better follower of Jesus.

Feel free to stretch yourself and explore ministry outside of your comfort zone. You have as long as you need to become involved in this stage of your own spiritual path.

Once you've become involved in Service in the Church, the next step is to find a place to serve in the world but you don't need to feel rushed to get there. It's not about getting to the end of a process. It's about devoting yourself to becoming more and more like the disciple Jesus has called you to be wherever you find yourself in the process and in the world we live in.

Let us know if there are any questions we can answer for you and please don't hesitate to contact us if you want to talk.

Five Steps of Discipleship

1. Sunday Morning Worship
2. Wednesday Night Gathering
3. Small Group Participation
4. Service in the Church
5. Service in the World

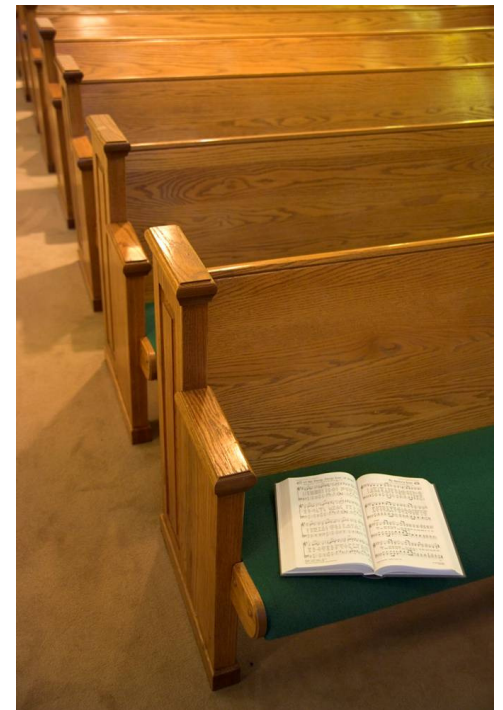
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Service in the Church



Developing People Who Love and Serve God and Others

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The Path of Service

As we become better disciples of Jesus, we inevitably end up following the path of service to others. As we are filled with God's grace and mercy, we cannot help but pour ourselves out for others



and provide this grace and mercy to them.

At FBC, we feel that the healthy process of becoming a disciple of Jesus begins by learning to serve within the walls of the Church. This isn't because we think the Church should be served first—by any means—but because we feel that

the Church is a perfect **training ground to form and teach servants** how to change the world by pouring themselves out for others.

Also, we hope that you will further discover your calling while serving within the Church. We don't want somebody to do a job because they're good at it but because they're *called* to it—because they feel like they *should* do it. **We're convinced that God does not necessarily call the equipped but, rather, that God equips the called.** As you look at the ways that God has gifted you and consider what it is that you are passionate about, you will find your calling.

At FBC, we want to empower you to follow your calling and help you find a place to serve within the Church.

What follows are some basic places where you can begin the path of service in the Church. If you feel called to any of these places, we want you to consider serving in these areas. This is not a complete list and if you would like to do something not listed, then let us know where you feel called. Please phone (793.8331) or email (j.hearne@fbcdanville.com) us with your thoughts and/or questions.

Teacher



Education is important for our growth as Christians and as disciples at FBC. This is a calling to teach and form the members of the Church. This could be in a Sunday school class, a small group, or on Wednesday night. Willingness to

continue learning is essential to success at teaching.

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Small Group Leader

Our small groups are an essential and foundational portion of FBC's plan to make disciples. The small group leader serves the Church by managing and organizing a small group. We have positions for people wanting to start something new or people wanting to continue something that's already happening.

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Worship Lay Leader

Worship is the response of a thankful people to a worthy God and is, therefore, something we do as a group. We want to incorporate a variety of people in worship through reading, prayer, and other disciplines.

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Musician

Through music in worship, we hope to lift our minds and attention toward God where it rightly belongs. This includes instrumental, choral, and occasional solo pieces.

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Cook or Host

We regularly gather together for fellowship over food and this means that there are some of us who serve the Church by providing hospitality through cooking or hosting.

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Committee Members

Part of being the Church involves taking care of administrative matters and details. At FBC, we accomplish this with committees focused on a particular set of tasks. The volunteer who faithfully serves on a committee helps to manage the affairs of the Church. Many hands makes light work.

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