

Seven
God-Sized Initiatives
for
First Baptist Church
Statesville

1. WORSHIP

At First Baptist Church, we are recognized for creative, innovative, diverse, and spiritually engaging worship which is both relevant and transformational.

Read **Ephesians 5:19**

2. SPIRITUAL MATURITY

At First Baptist Church, every member is on a pilgrimage toward spiritual maturity:

- ❖ All are Biblically literate.
- ❖ All are involved in missions.
- ❖ All are on a path to a deeper prayer life.
- ❖ All are actively living out the fruit of the spirit.
- ❖ All understand stewardship.
- ❖ All understand and tap into the transforming power of the Gospel.

Read **Galatians 5:22-23**

3. CHILDREN AND YOUTH

At First Baptist Church, we have a children's and youth ministry that produces young adults with a strong foundation in faith, who are mission-oriented and true disciples of Christ in their ability to share their faith with others. They are equipped with Biblical knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to life's challenges and pressures from peers, and this enables them to transform the world, rather than conforming.

Read **1 Timothy 4:12**

4. FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDLINESS

At First Baptist Church, we are warm, welcoming, and fellowship together in Christ, sharing His love. Our relationships are characterized by humbleness, gentleness and patience, embracing everyone in an atmosphere thick with love, building up each person in continuing a pilgrimage of faith and deepening discipleship.

Read **Ephesians 4:2-4**

5. EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

At First Baptist Church, every member shares a personal testimony inside and outside the church regularly and consistently.

Read **1 Peter 3:15**

6. LEADERSHIP

At First Baptist Church, leaders are good communicators, knowledgeable, visionary, and transparent in all decision-making. They practice Jesus' model of servanthood and continually seek to grow in spiritual maturity.

Read **Mark 10:43-44**

7. SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

At First Baptist Church, members respond to the special ministry opportunities that surround us.

Read **James 1:22**

