

## Your First Visit!

Welcome to First Baptist Church North Myrtle Beach! We know that visiting a church for the first time can be intimidating, sometimes confusing, and even overwhelming. We want you to have the information you need so that when you come, you will have a great worship experience. If you do not find the answers you need, please call our office at (843) 249-2448 or email us at [office@fbcnmb.com](mailto:office@fbcnmb.com) with any questions or concerns.

### **Meeting Times**

8:30 am-Traditional Worship

9:45 am-Contemporary Worship

11:00 am-Traditional Worship

The 9:45 service is located in the Family Life Center. The style of music is more contemporary, utilizing drums, guitars, and many modern songs you might know from Christian radio.

The 8:30 and 11:00 services are held in the sanctuary (located under the steeple). These services are more traditional in their style of music. There is a choir, and hymns are sung by the congregation.

### **What do people wear?**

We do not have a dress code. We welcome all peoples, cultures and backgrounds. Some attendees dress formally (suits and ties), while others are more relaxed (blue jeans). Many will be dressed somewhere in-between. Dress in a way you will feel comfortable, and please do not feel pressured to dress a certain way. We only ask that you dress modestly.

### **When You Arrive**

You will enter the parking lot from one of three possible entrances-6<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S., or turning directly off of Highway 17. Parking spaces are found all around the facility. If attending the 9:45 service, it will be a closer walk if you park in the rear and enter through the double glass doors. Wheelchair accessible ramps are found here:

<http://www.fbcnmb.com/wheelchair-accessible-entrances/> .

### **When you Enter**

As you enter, you will be greeted by ushers who will hand you a bulletin. It will contain information about the worship service, as well as other information about activities at the church. The ushers will not seat you, so feel free to sit anywhere you like. You will likely be greeted by others. We hope you feel welcome.

### **Worship Service**

Each service will last about one hour. The messages are based on a biblical text. The version of the Bible the pastor uses is the New American Standard. You may use any translation you would

like (although it is not mandatory to have a Bible with you), and if you prefer, you may read the Bible from an App on an electronic device.

You will not be singled out. You will not be called on to read or to pray. We ask visitors to fill out a card, but this is not mandatory. It is a great way for us to get to know you and we would be grateful to have a record of your visit. These cards are located on the back of each pew and may be placed in the offering plate when it is passed.

At the end of the service there will be an invitation. This is a time when listeners are invited to respond to the message by believing what God has revealed and committing to follow God's leadership. As an act of surrender to God, some attendees like to kneel at the front of the church and pray. Others like for the pastor to pray with them. Coming forward is not necessary, and no one will pressure you to leave your seat.

The message will be centered on the gospel. The word "gospel" means Good News! It is the news about how to be in a right relationship with God. This happens when one turns by faith to Jesus for salvation. Jesus is the Son of God who is perfect in every way. Because of sin, there is a separation between God and man. Jesus died on the cross to pay for sin's debt and to satisfy the wrath of God. He then arose on the third day. When one trusts in Jesus, God applies Jesus' payment to that person's account, making the way to be at peace with God.

There are often non-Christians who attend the services. Occasionally, as the good news about Jesus is shared, the gospel message will impact one in such a way that he or she may want to become a Christian. At the time of invitation, anyone desiring to trust in Jesus for salvation who feels the need for guidance is encouraged to respond by coming to the pastor.

### **Children**

Our children's ministries are staffed by a fantastic team of adult volunteers. They provide a safe and secure place in which the Bible is taught and fun activities are enjoyed. However, if you feel more comfortable having your children with you in church, this option is absolutely acceptable and we would enjoy having them there.

Nursery-The 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am services provide child care through age 2. The room number is B102.

Sunday School-begins at 9:45. The Preschool Class for 3 & 4 year olds is located in the Child Development Center. Classes for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade are located upstairs in a section known as "God's Space." The stairs are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. The room numbers are:

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| 3 & 4 yrs  | C102 |
| K-5 yrs    | A206 |
| Grades 1-2 | A207 |
| Grades 3-4 | A204 |
| Grades 5-6 | A200 |

Adult Sunday School:

Sunday School is at 9:45. There is a greeters table located outside the Fellowship Hall. There will be someone standing at this table who will be happy to help you find a class. To get to the table, you exit the Sanctuary behind the organ or drums, turn right and then turn left at the end of the hall. The table is down the ramp as you go through the double doors. While you are near the Fellowship Hall, go in and enjoy coffee and doughnuts!

The classes and room numbers are:

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| Adult Workers      | B105        |
| Faith, Hope & Love | B110        |
| Friends In Christ  | B103 & B104 |
| In Focus           | C108        |
| Kindred Spirits    | B106        |
| New Beginnings     | B109        |

### **Bathroom Facilities**

These are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary, through the doors behind either the piano or the drums. Turn right and they will be beyond the offices on your left.

For the 9:45 service, bathrooms are located in the back of the gym area, opposite the side entrance. Also, there are bathrooms in the hall to the right as you approach the double glass doors in the main entrance area.