

ABC Annual Mission Giving

The congregation of FBC generously supports all four of the American Baptist Churches/USA annual offerings as a pacesetter church: America for Christ Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, World Mission Offering, and the Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering.

<http://www.abc-usa.org/>

ABC International Ministries

FBC supports Jim and Debbie Kelsey, missionaries to Italy. Debbie and Jim Kelsey assist the Evangelical Christian Baptist Union of Italy in ministry to English-speaking immigrant, particularly African, congregations. Debbie also ministers to young women at-risk or victimized by human trafficking and prostitution.

<http://www.internationalministries.org/>

ABC Women's Ministries

Circles - The women of FBC are involved with the Naomi and Deborah circles. Each group supports a variety of mission activities throughout the year. Church Women United - Through this organization, women of the church supports ecumenical work with Dayton Peace Action, Jail Chaplaincy, Mercy Manor, Miami Valley Literacy Council, TV Monitoring and the YWCA Shelter and Housing Network. Church World Service - Church World Service works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Through our partnership we provide blankets and funds.

<http://www.abwministries.org/>

AIDS Ministries

On the last Friday of each month FBC sponsors AIDS Dinners at the church. The dinners are for HIV/AIDS clients, their families and support teams.

Baptist Peace Fellowship

FBC is a member congregation of the BPF that works towards peace and justice throughout the world. Our congregation supports the Dayton Peace Museum, the Salem Avenue Peace Corridor and other organizations with similar goals. Members and staff of FBC serve on Boards in numerous organizations.

Community Blood Center

Donations to the Community Blood Bank are coordinated by the Deacons to provide blood for the needs of members and their families.

<http://cbccts.org/>

Dayton Christian Center

Founded in 1921, this American Baptist mission on the near West side celebrates the Good News of Jesus Christ by empowering people of God through worship, education, recreation, and community involvement. The facility provides childcare, after school services, adult and family programs.

<http://www.daytonchristiancenter.org/>

Dayton Early College Academy

DECA represents a unique educational partnership between Dayton Public Schools, the University of Dayton, Sinclair Community College and Wright State University. At DECA, students can earn both a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit in four to five years. Faculty and parents are focused on convincing urban students that they can go to college and be the first in their families to graduate.

<http://daytonearlycollege.org/>

Dayton Public School Project

Members of FBC work with a Dayton Public School class to provide tutoring, counseling, special programs and parties for children.

Fellowship Fund

The Fellowship Fund is maintained by the Board of Deacons to provide financial support for the members of the Church and others in the wider community with special needs.

Envelopes are provided for donations to this fund each communion Sunday.

Foodbank

For more than three decades, The Foodbank has served as the link for food relief in the Miami Valley. Members bring canned goods and dry goods that are given to the Foodbank in addition to the financial support from FBC.

<http://www.thefoodbankdayton.org/>

Holiday Missions

Holiday Mission projects at FBC include: Valentines for Veterans - Each year church members make and send handmade valentines to veterans at the Dayton Veterans Hospital. Backpacks - Backpacks are filled for homeless persons at the Christmas season. Dayton Bar Association Christmas Party - FBC members and lawyers provide gifts and food for needy families. Mitten Tree - During Advent, a tree is placed in the Narthex for members to decorate with children's gloves and hats. These are taken to the Dayton Christian Center where they are given to families throughout the holiday and winter season.

HOMEFULL

This mission provides a daytime shelter and transitional housing for the homeless in our community. They provide food, baby formula and diapers, job search assistance, clothes, personal hygiene items, counseling and many other needed services. Meals are also served and provided by various organizations and churches in the community. FBC collects needed items, partners for holiday projects, contributes time and funds.

<http://homefull.org/>

Kairos

Women's Prison Ministry provides fellowship, mentoring and support at one of the women's state prisons. The sharing of food and chocolate chip cookies is an important part of helping the women heal and forgive themselves and others. The ministry shares faith stories and life stories with inmates during their weekend gatherings at the prison.

<http://kairosprisonministry.org/>

Leaders for Equality & Action in Dayton

LEAD is an organization that promotes justice and equality in the Dayton area through action on focal issues determined each year in assembly. LEAD is composed of faith-based congregations and organizations from across the Miami Valley.

Neighborhood Ministries

FBC provides sack lunches for homeless and disadvantaged people who come to our door. We provide bus tokens, rent assist, and other assistance. Vouchers for birth certificates and I.D. cards are provided to assistance with employment opportunities. A neighborhood luncheon is held quarterly to give opportunity to interface with our neighbors.

Rebuilding Together Dayton

FBC is a partner with Rebuilding Together Dayton, a non-profit organization that performs home repairs and modifications for low-income homeowners in our community. On National Rebuilding Day in April, over 1200 volunteers work on at least 30 homes in Dayton. Throughout the year, Neighbor-Care performs minor repair and modification throughout Montgomery County with skilled labor.

<http://www.rtdayton.org/>

Seminary for Seniors

In partnership with United Theological Seminary, FBC is a sponsor of the Seminary for Seniors program which provides educational opportunities for seniors in the community.

SERRV

SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. SERRV promotes social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by purchasing and marketing their handicrafts in a just and direct manner. Volunteers staff the FBC sales area during fellowship hours and other sales outlets at local community events during the year.

<http://www.serrv.org/>

Stewards of Children

Through the Stewards of Children Darkness to Light child sexual abuse-training program, adults learn to prevent, recognize and react responsibly, both personally and professionally, to child sexual abuse.

<http://www.d2l.org/>

Walking Ministry

The FBC walking team encourages members to join community charitable walks to help raise funds for their organizations.

Widows Home

The Widows Home is one of the historic missions of First Baptist Church. It is a non-sectarian, non-profit, inner city nursing care facility established in 1875 to answer the needs of Civil War widows. The home remains faithful to its mission to help disadvantaged persons. Current members of our church are active in its policymaking and administration.

<http://widowshome.org/>