



A Downtown Church with an Upward Focus

Our Mission is to know Christ and make Him known.

First Baptist Hammond has come a long way in the last few years. Here is what we see happening:

- ◆ We believe God is using First Baptist Hammond to provide an environment where people are free to express their joy and needs without judgment leading to a life changing encounter with Jesus.
- ◆ We believe that our members and attenders should use their interests to excite others about the Word of God through mentoring and doctrinally sound living.
- ◆ We strive for a servant mentality that is more concerned with meeting the needs of others than having our own needs met.
- ◆ We encourage every member of our church to reach out to their community, state, nation and the world.
- ◆ We are blessed with great facilities which we use and allow others to use in order to impact our region.



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## Two Mission Trips This Month: Weatherford, TX & Mexico City

Our first mission trip in a very long time will be leaving after our weekly gathering July 18. We have eight missionaries who will be participating in this mission trip Weatherford, TX where we will be hosting sports camps for the local children. In the mornings, we will conduct volleyball and football camps. In the afternoon we will conduct basketball camp. There will be a commissioning service for these missionaries during our worship time that morning.



On July 30 a smaller group of missionaries will be heading to Mexico City to work with Vacation Bible School at Capital City Baptist Church. This is an English speaking church. Our workers will be using the same material as we did at First Baptist Hammond, *Destination Dig*.

You can be a vital part of these trips without ever leaving your home. We ask you to pray for both of these trips. Pray that the Lord will move in the hearts of the participants and that many will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus through the efforts of these missionaries.

*"The great commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." - Hudson Taylor*

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." - John 20:21

## Why Take Mission Trips Out of Town?

At First Baptist Hammond, we want to be involved in taking the gospel to every nation. Short-term trips are a great way for us to be involved in that mission in places beyond our community. Here are few reasons why we should do this.

God is able to work through you. On a mission trip we tend to have a more God focused mind because we leave the everyday concerns of life behind. This allows God to work in immense ways in both our lives and the lives of those we are serving. He can work through you in mighty ways if you let Him!

A mission trip can be a powerful, life-changing experience that broadens your perspective, gives you better direction, and allows you to glorify Jesus in the process. When you go anywhere with the sole purpose of teaching others about the love of Jesus, good things happen. In addition, you can also learn about a foreign culture. You will see how blessed we are in Christ. And the experience could even inspire you to a life of service in the mission field or at least volunteerism.

## Ready for more?

- ⇒ Become a part of a Community Group or begin one in your home.
- ⇒ Get involved in serving Jesus through First Baptist Hammond
  - ⇒ Cook supper one Wednesday per quarter.
  - ⇒ Join the Worship Team
  - ⇒ Volunteer to help with technology.
  - ⇒ Children’s Ministry help is always welcomed.
  - ⇒ Complete an item on the “Repairs and Improvements” list on website
- ⇒ Join us for every service.
  - ⇒ Sundays: Community Groups at 9:45am. Weekly Gathering at 11:00am.
  - ⇒ Wednesdays: Supper at 5:30pm. Adult Prayer, Youth Worship, Children’s Bible Study at 6:15pm. Adult Bible Study at 6:45pm.

## Pictorial Directory

Exciting news to share: We are going to have a First Baptist Hammond Photo Directory for the first time in years! The photography will be provided by a professional photographer coming with the Miner Baptist Mission Team. Photography sessions will be held on July 11-13 by appointment only. Everyone who participates will receive a free 8X10 photograph and a directory. This is a completely free service. No pictures will be sold. Digital files will be given to each participant and you can take these to the printer of your choice and have pictures made. Dress as you desire for your portraits.

Your participation is optional, but we hope you will consider being a part of this memorable project together!

For more information, or to schedule your session visit us online at [www.hammondffc.net](http://www.hammondffc.net) or call the church office.

## Office Help Needed

Our Ministry Assistant will be out several days this summer for various reasons. On those days, we could use some help with the phones and other clerical duties. The dates help is needed are July 7, 16, 18-23 and August 2. If you would like to help on any of these, please contact Pastor Jeff or the church office.

## Miner Baptist Church Mission Team Here July 10-16

Once again, First Baptist Hammond welcomes Miner Baptist Mission Team all the way from Sikeston, Missouri the week of July 10-16. They are coming to assist with various tasks around the building that would otherwise cost us thousands of dollars to mend. The church is in need of meal service for the week of their presence. Meals include lunch and dinner on several days of the week (TBA). Preparations are for 10-15 people and Cajun/Indigenous food is requested. If you have a meal in mind that you would like to prepare and serve, please call the church office.