

**Objectives for Mission and Ministry
First Baptist Church of Asheville
Sept. 1, 2014-Aug. 31, 2015**

Areas of Focus: *Intentionally nurture friendships.
Intentionally share friendships and faith beyond ourselves.*

Christian Formation Council

- Half of all members surveyed report 2-3 friendships they have developed with others in the congregation who are of another generation.
- Half of all members surveyed are able to identify at least one community activity (beyond the church) that allows them to participate in God's mission of sharing love and friendship with the world.

Missions and Hands on Ministry Council

- Families of children with special needs report that through the programs of First Baptist Church they experience friendship and nurture their faith.
- 75% of those involved in missions experiences at FBCA report that they have developed at least one new significant friendship with a member or guest during the past year.
- A majority of individuals/families in the homeless /at risk community report that they feel befriended and supported as they participate in various activities at FBCA.

Congregational Worship Council

- Students in the Academy for the Arts at First Baptist Church Asheville relate positive stories about how teachers, volunteers and ministry staff offer friendship within their experience of exploring the discipline of music and the arts.
- Members of the Adult Choir of FBCA report developing or deepening one significant friendship in the course of the year's preparation and leadership in worship.

Communications and Outreach Council

- Church members report that they can easily learn about and respond one-on-one to care needs and celebrations of friends within the small groups with which they relate at First Baptist and that these experiences lead to significant friendships.
- A majority of members and guests surveyed can share 2-3 qualities or stories that help accurately define who we are as a "community centered on Jesus" and tell how that awareness has led them into significant friendships in the congregation or how that awareness has led them to share their faith or friendship beyond the congregation.
- The majority of leaders at FBCA report that they know and use at least 3 communications pathways with which to involve members and guests in sharing friendships and faith in and beyond the congregation.

Fellowship and Involvement Council

- One in four of the people who gather together for fitness activities in the SFMC invite a friend to join them during the course of the year.
- A growing number of worship attendees and guests seek friendship through at least one fellowship opportunity off campus throughout the year.
- A majority of 3rd time guests that have a 1-1 visit with a staff member and/or church member develop a lasting friendship and faith journey within the church.