



Frequently Asked Questions

For more information, please contact the church office at 937.898.3801 or by emailing questions@fbcvandalia.net.

How do I get to FBC Vandalia?

FBC Vandalia is located at 140 Elva Court, Vandalia, Ohio 45377. Our church office is located at 575 S. Dixie Drive Vandalia, Ohio 45377.

What is available for my children/family?

FBC Vandalia offers ministries for all stages of life, including birth through senior adults. On Sunday mornings, we offer age-graded pre-school and children's ministries at 8:20am, 9:45am, and 11:15am. Our students, 7th – 12th grade meet at 9:45am, but have their main gathering at 5:30pm on Sunday evenings. Our on-campus adult small groups meet at 8:20am, 9:45am, and 11:15am, as well as in homes throughout the week. We also have a variety of programs and activities that go on each week, as well as special events throughout the year.

What are the worship gathering times? Are they the same?

FBC Vandalia's main worship gathering is on Sunday mornings at 8:20am, 9:45am, and 11:15am. Each gathering features the same message and same music. The music at FBC Vandalia features a band and worship choir. September through May, FBC Vandalia also meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm for a church dinner. At 6:00pm following the dinner, adult small groups, as well as ministry programming for pre-school, children, and students, takes place.

Is the church safe? Will my children be safe?

The safety and care of all people at FBC Vandalia is our highest priority. We take a number of measures to ensure safety, including: mandatory background screenings and safety training for volunteers working with minors; check-in/ check-out process for preschoolers and children being dropped off and picked up; limited access to child care areas beyond the check-in/check-out points; and high standards of cleanliness and sanitation.

How much time should I plan for to drop off and check-in my child?

On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, please allow up to ten minutes for the check-in process for Pre-Schoolers and Children. The check-in process for pre-schoolers ages birth – kindergarten takes place on the 1st floor of the main building and for children grades 1 - 6 the process takes places on the lower level. The lower level may be accessed by stairs or elevator.

What do I have to wear?

At FBC Vandalia, there is no stated dress code. We invite you to come as you are and not feel the need to dress a certain way. Some members in our faith-family wear shorts and flip flops; others wear a suit and tie, and most wear something in-between.

How do I get into the buildings on Sunday morning? Where do I enter?

If coming for a Sunday morning worship service, once on-campus, please follow the signs to the “Main Building.” You may enter through the entry area labeled #1. Once you arrive, you may visit Connection Point in the foyer for assistance navigating FBC Vandalia’s campus and for further directions. Please see the map included in this FAQ for a visual explanation of where to go on Sunday mornings.

Where do I take my children for their ministry activities?

Preschoolers, birth through kindergarten meet on the 1st floor of the Main Building for all Sunday morning and Wednesday evening activities. Children, grades 1 -6, meet on the lower level of the main building on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Students, grades 7 – 12, meet in the Hangar on Sunday mornings and evenings, as well as Wednesday evenings. When on campus, please follow the signs on campus to navigate between the Main Building and Hangar.

Can my family and I get a tour of the facility?

Yes! We would love to provide you a tour of our church campus and facilities. To schedule a visit, please go to the church website and under the “I’m New” tab, click on “Schedule a Visit.” You may also schedule a visit by contacting the church office at 937.898.3801 or by emailing questions@fbcvandalia.net.

How can we contact the Lead Pastor or other staff members?

Our staff would love the opportunity to meet you and learn more about your story and hear any questions you have about your faith and FBC Vandalia. Please contact the church office at 937.898.3801 or by emailing questions@fbcvandalia.net to request an appointment. If you wish to communicate via email to a particular staff member, please visit www.fbcvandalia.net/learnmore and click on the Ministry Staff or Ministry Support Staff to locate each staff member’s email address.

What is your denominational affiliation? What are your core beliefs?

FBC Vandalia is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). We have adopted the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message as our church’s Statement of Faith. For more information about the SBC and the Baptist Faith and Message, please visit www.sbc.net.

How many people attend on a Sunday morning?

On Sunday mornings, we have three worship gatherings that have a combined total of 1,000 – 1,200 people per week. The number of people in each gathering ranges from 300- 650 people.

What translation of the Bible do you use?

In our worship services, our primary preaching and teaching Bible translation is the English Standard Version (ESV). Throughout our small groups, age graded ministries, and other teaching ministries at FBC Vandalia, there are a number of other translations used, such as the New International Version (NIV) and Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB).

What do you believe about church membership? How can I become a part of the faith family at FBC Vandalia?

We believe church membership is a commitment to one another, the mission and vision of our local church, and provides a place for believers to use their spiritual gifts and talents as they support one another and glorify God.

FBC Vandalia receives church members three ways:

1. By receiving Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord and then following Him in believer's baptism. (Romans 6:4-5)
2. By transfer of one's membership from another church of like faith and order.
3. By statement. If a person had membership in a church that no longer exists, we accept his/her "statement" of salvation and baptism.

Every three months, a course called FBCV 101 is offered to provide a closer look at FBC Vandalia, our beliefs, structure, and church membership. In FBCV 101, participants also have the opportunity to ask questions and to meet staff and some of our volunteer leaders. To learn when the next FBCV 101 is happening and for signup information, please contact the church office at 937.898.3801 or by email at questions@fbcvandalia.net.

What do you believe about baptism?

Everyone who receives Christ as Savior should, as soon as possible, follow Him in baptism- the immersion of a believer in water. Baptism symbolizes faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior. Baptism is a picture of the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life. Baptism is not part of one's salvation experience, but an act of obedience and a public testimony of that person's new life in Christ.

Is there Sunday school?

FBC Vandalia provides both on-campus and off-campus small group opportunities for adults. These groups provide an opportunity for participants to connect and care for one another, grow together in Christ, and serve others together. Many of these groups meet

on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and there are also adult small groups that meet in homes throughout the week. We also offer on-campus ministry for children age's birth through high school.

How will my offering be spent?

Each February, FBC Vandalia's faith family members are presented and vote on an annual operating budget for the church. This budget includes the areas of: Missions, Ministry at FBC Vandalia, Ministry Support at FBC Vandalia, and Personnel. For a more detailed overview of FBC Vandalia's General Operating Budget, please visit www.fbcvandalia.net/giving and download the General Operating Budget Overview. You may also contact FBC Vandalia's Finance Associate, Michelle Graham, at mgraham@fbcvandalia.net or by calling the church office at 937.898.3801 for additional information.

How can I give online?

You may give online by visiting www.fbcvandalia.net/giving and select which fund, General Operating or NextSteps, you would like to give towards. If you are a first time online giver to FBC Vandalia, please follow the prompts to register your account. For more information about online giving, please contact FBC Vandalia's Finance Associate, Michelle Graham, at mgraham@fbcvandalia.net, or by calling the church office at 937.898.3801.

I have other questions that aren't answered in this FAQ or on the church website.

What should I do?

We would love the opportunity to discuss any questions you have or provide further information about FBC Vandalia. Please contact the church office at 937.898.3801 or by emailing questions@fbcvandalia.net and we will be happy to assist in answering your questions.