



Mauldin First Baptist Church

Who We Are

Church Vision and Structure

The vision of Mauldin First Baptist Church is built around love and family:

Mauldin First Baptist Church is a loving, multigenerational family where the love of God leads us to share Jesus, serve others and make new disciples.

We believe a love relationship with God leads to loving others. Like our Lord says in the Greatest Commandment of Matthew 22:34-40, our first expectation of church members is to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. And that love relationship should translate into loving our neighbors. This is why the symbol of our church vision is the water droplet. It is meant to remind us that when God pours His love into us, there should be a ripple effect. It should not only change us, but impact those around us. But this must be an ongoing love relationship... for just as when water is poured into a still pond, the ripples will stop if the water doesn't keep pouring in. In the same way, God's love continues to pour into us, overflowing into the lives of those around us.

At Mauldin First Baptist, we share Jesus in groups and in missions. Family members are expected to find a small group where they can share life, bear burdens, and fulfill His mission together. We believe strongly that we are the body of Christ and each one of us is a part of it (I Corinthians 12:27). While pastors and deacons provide pastoral care, the primary care of church members should come from each other in their small groups. Small groups meet for Bible study, fellowship and mission service.



Figure 1 Small Community Group Meetings

Mauldin First Baptist is also a very missions-minded church. We partner with many organizations to carry the gospel around the world. We work with traditional Southern Baptist organizations like the Cooperative Program, the South Carolina Baptist Convention and the Greenville Baptist Association. While we are Southern Baptists, it is important to note that we are not governed by Southern Baptists and we also work with groups like Habitat for Humanity and Africa Inland Mission. We sponsor

missionaries in the Upstate, in Pennsylvania, in Haiti and in Kenya. We also support a mission house on our church campus where missionaries can stay with their families during furlough. For several years, we have used an “Acts 1:8” approach to doing missions locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Some of our local partnerships include sponsoring a Good News Club at a local elementary school, staff the Triune Mercy Soup Kitchen with volunteer staff every third Saturday, volunteering with the Golden Strip Resource Center to assist in meeting the needs of low-income families and maintaining a food closet for local needs.



Figure 2 MFBC Mission House AND the Newly Built Church in Haiti supported by MFBC

Mauldin First Baptist began in 1904 with 60 members. We now have over 700 members, with an average Sunday worship of 325 each Sunday, with a traditional worship service at 8:15 am and a contemporary worship service at 10:45 am. We also serve our community with our Mauldin Christian Academy (MCA), with daycare, preschool and elementary school through 5th grade, serving approximately 300 children per day. Our church budget and school budget is approximately \$3.1 million dollars.



Figure 3 EARLY CHURCH AND MAULDIN FIRST BAPTIST 2020

The church is governed by the stipulations set up in our Church Constitution and By-Laws. The Senior Pastor serves as the Church Moderator and supervises the pastoral staff consisting of the Senior Adult and Discipleship Pastor, Preschool and Children’s Pastor, Student Pastor, Worship Pastor, MCA Director, and Church Business Administrator. The Senior Pastor reports to the Personnel Team. The purpose of the Deacons is to function as the leading servants of Mauldin First Baptist Church. The Deacons are accountable to the church body as specified in the Word and as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Mauldin First Baptist also has several teams elected by the church to oversee various ministry areas such as Personnel, Finance, Missions, Properties, etc.

Along with Sunday morning worship services, Mauldin First Baptist also has Sunday School for all ages, plus several small groups that meet at various places and times throughout the week. The church also has Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible study groups, along with several topical groups meeting specific needs, such as GriefShare.



Church Beliefs

As a Southern Baptist church, we are autonomous in that we determine our own direction as the Lord leads us and freely affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our beliefs closely align with the Baptist Faith and Message of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Church Location

Situated in Upstate South Carolina, Greenville County has a population of over 500,000 people and offers an unparalleled climate for business and exceptional quality of life. Just 3 miles from Interstate 85 Exit 48A, Mauldin First Baptist Church's community of Mauldin/Greenville is a rapidly growing industrial, commercial, and residential base, making it a great place to live, work, play and worship. (John 4:35, "Look I tell you, lift up your eyes and see the fields are ripe for harvest."). Mauldin was recently named the fastest growing housing market in all of South Carolina. Mauldin First Baptist Church has always had a good relationship with our local city government and first responders and we often work together on city events such as our annual National Day of Prayer and assisting with the Mauldin Egg Drop at Sunset Park, Lighting of the Christmas Tree and summer concert series at the Mauldin Cultural Center.

To apply for our Worship Pastor position, please email our Worship Pastor Search Team at wleonard@fbcmauldin.org.