

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SPARTANBURG
2019 "HEADING HOME" BASEBALL
INFORMATION SHEET**



THIS SHEET CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES ABOUT OUR BASEBALL PROGRAM. PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION.

Thank you for choosing to participate with us at First Baptist. We hope you enjoy this season and it will be a positive experience for your family. If we can be of any assistance to you or minister to you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

Team evaluation is a process by which our coaches try to evaluate a player's ability in order to divide the teams as fairly as possible. This is not a tryout in any form but rather a means of dividing teams equally. Unless you contact our office in advance, **failure to be present for your evaluation time may result in your cancellation from the league.** In case of an emergency and you cannot be here, you need to contact our office at 596-4108. Also, there will be a **mandatory parent's meeting** during your child's evaluation time. At least one parent of every child participating needs to be present.

The following chart will let you know when you are to be present.

| <u>LEAGUE</u> | <u>EVALUATION DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| K4-K5 Tee League (co-ed) | Sat., Feb. 16 - field #4 | 12:30 p.m. |
| 1st-2nd Grade Coaches Pitch (co-ed) | Sat., Feb. 16 - field #2 | 2:30 p.m. |
| 3rd-5th Grade Player Pitch Baseball (co-ed) | Sat., Feb. 16 - field #3 | 1:00 p.m. |
| 6th-8th Grade Intermediate 50/70 | Sat., Feb. 16 - field #3 | 3:00 p.m. |

Please come dressed to play. We will be running each player through a series of basic drills in order for the coaches to make an evaluation. **In case of bad weather, please contact our information hotline at 699-4448 before you assume that the evaluations have been canceled.**

The evaluation process should last no more than 1 ½ hours. After the evaluations, the coaches will meet to divide the players into teams. After this, the coaches will contact you by March 4th as to what team you are on and when you will practice. If you have not heard by that date, please contact our office.

Each team will play eight regular season games. Game times will rotate during the day on Saturday. However, there will be two or three games scheduled on weekdays (these will take the place of practice for that week). Rain-outs may also be made up on weekdays when possible.

Practices will begin on the week of March 4th. Practices are dependent upon the coach. However, the 6th - 8th grade league will practice more than our other leagues. All practices and games will be held at 3060 Huntington Dr.

Practice days and times are Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday at 5:15 or 6:30 p.m. If you cannot practice at one of these times, you must mark that information on the conflict line of your registration form ON or BEFORE your evaluation date.

The registration fee covers a jersey, cap, socks, umpires, & awards. Players must furnish their own batting helmet with mask, glove, and shoes. *(Facemask is optional in 2nd grade and under leagues only.)* For baseball players, we also recommend that you wear baseball pants. We suggest you wear rubber molded cleats or tennis shoes. No steel cleats will be allowed in any league. First Baptist will supply all the bats, balls, and catching equipment that will be needed. However, players may use their own bats, etc. as long as they meet safety requirements.

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Please be advised that in order to instill Christian values and good sportsmanship, we have instituted a rule that reads: "Any coach or player that makes a comment to an umpire or about his officiating will automatically be ejected from the game and must leave the church grounds." We hope parents and spectators will also abide by this rule.

First Baptist Church of Spartanburg offers a supplemental insurance policy for each participant for an additional fee. The coverage is good until August 31, 2019, and is the only coverage that we offer.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Practices Start | Week of March 4 th |
| Games Start | Saturday, March 23 rd |
| Picture Day | Saturday, April 13 th |
| Baseball Award's Night | Monday, May 13 th |

COACHES

If you or someone you know is interested in being a coach or an assistant coach, please contact our office as soon as possible. A coach must be a Christian, 18 years or older (except for junior coaches), and willing to view baseball/softball as a means to minister to children and their families rather than a competitive sport. Coaches must attend our annual training meeting in February.

UMPIRES

The Recreation Ministry strives hard to secure and train qualified men and women to serve in the capacity of an official. If you would like to be an umpire, please contact our office before March 3. An umpire must complete a training course as well as training with other officials during a real game. Qualifications include being a Christian, basic knowledge of the game, a willingness to help players learn, and a heart for the Lord and His children.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team that prays daily for the players, the coaches, and their families, please call our office. Also, if you have prayer requests during the season, please take the time to fill out the card located by the concession stand and drop it in the prayer request box.

Directions to FBC Ballfields

From the church, take Union St. (Hwy 56) south.
Remain on Hwy 56 as it becomes Cedar Spring Rd. (Cross over 295 by-pass)
Just past the SC School for the Deaf and Blind turn left at the traffic light at the intersection of Carolina Country Club Rd.
Go to the stop sign at the bottom of the hill
Continue straight up the hill (this is 3060 Huntington Dr.) - Ballfields will be on your left

RECREATION STAFF

Eddie Robertson
Recreation Minister

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If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Ministry Office at 596-4108.

**Registration reimbursement deadline for all
baseball leagues is Friday, February 22nd by noon.**