

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, PANAMA CITY



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ALTAR PRAYER TEAM

This team maintains a spiritual readiness and is trained to help pray with individuals as they come forward for prayer.

PRAYER CHAIN

The church receives requests from members asking us for immediate prayer for their families, friends, work colleagues, or acquaintances. These requests are sent to the coordinator who disseminates them throughout the chain, prompting the participants to pray fervently for these people and their requests. All requests are kept confidential unless the member asks this request to also be added to the prayer list.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM

The intercessory prayer team meets weekly to pray over the prayer cards submitted at the altar and the prayer list maintained by the front office.

Samuel Generation Children Ministries

Samuel Generation Kids' Ministry encompasses both small and larger group services where boys and girls experience God through worship, prayer, and a weekly age-appropriate message. Samuel Generation includes Nursery, Sunday Morning Life Groups (formerly Sunday School), Sunday Morning Worship Service, and Wednesday Night Life Groups.

NURSERY

The nursery provides a caring environment for infants through three years of age. We ask that all parents who use the nursery volunteer to work the nursery on a rotating basis.

SAMUEL GENERATION KIDS' SUNDAY AM LIFE GROUPS

Sunday AM Life Groups meet from 9:30 to 10:20 and are broken into the following classes:

- 3 & 4 years old
- Kindergarten
- 1st & 2nd grade
- 3rd & 4th grade
- 5th & 6th grade

children learn about the Bible, prayer, and worship in age-separated classrooms. This aids communication in helping them understand and retain a deeper knowledge of the Word.

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SAMUEL GENERATION KIDS' WEDNESDAY LIFE GROUPS

Kids' Wednesday Night Life Groups meet Wednesday night at 6:30. They are small-group based ministries for children, 1st through 5th grades. The children learn about the Bible, prayer, and worship in age-separated classrooms. This aids communication in helping them understand and retain a deeper knowledge of the Word.

KIDS' CHURCH

1st through 5th grades, 10:30 to 12:30.

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Ages four through Kindergarten, 10:30 to 12:30

BOYS & GIRLS MISSIONARY CHALLENGE (BGMC)

BGMC is the missions education program for all kids in the Assemblies of God. Kids are **challenged** to help our missionaries, **challenged** to sacrificially give to missions, **challenged** to help the needy in the world, **challenged** to pray for missionaries, **challenged** to pray for various people groups, **challenged** to love and accept people of all races, **challenged** to reach the lost, and **challenged** to keep their hearts open to the call of God for full-time missions. The money raised through BGMC is used to provide our missionaries with the supplies they need to reach people around the world. BGMC equips kids to know, to care, to pray, to give, and to reach the lost. BGMC has a two-fold purpose:

1. To reach the children of the world
2. To create a heart of compassion in kids

Pre-Teen & Youth Ministries

R&H STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth have an opportunity to experience God, connect with others, and learn to walk out what they believe. Refuge and Hope Ministries (R&H) is about students finding purpose for life and sharing that with their friends, while also knowing there is a God who loves them and wants to impact every area of their life. We desire to provide an environment where students can worship Jesus, know who they are in Christ, and be sent out.

ROOTS

A unique youth service tailored specifically for 5th through 7th graders! Every Wednesday at 6:30pm they meet in the Roots Room.

HOPE

8th through 12th graders are able to experience the presence of God in their own youth service in hope they hear the Word preached, build authentic friendships and learn to serve their generation. Meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Ministry Center.

- Hope is here for you
- Open to everyone
- Passionate about God
- Excited about life.

REFUGE

Ages 11-18 are invited to join us in the Ministry Center for games, food at the Café, and Life Groups. Refuge runs in conjunction with the school calendar, Aug through May, and breaks for the summer and Christmas holidays. Refuge meets Fridays, 7:00 to 9:30pm, but is closed the first Friday of the month.

PUPPETEERS

A creative way for kids starting at 5th grade to worship the Lord and develop ministry skills. They build their own skits to minister to the church body and other classes. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Life Groups

Life Groups are like-minded groups of people with a common goal. They meet regularly to study a particular topic and “do life” together...encourage, challenge, and care for one another.

SUNDAY AM LIFE GROUPS

These classes, formerly called Sunday School, meet 9:30 to 10:20 and focus on making disciples and leaders in the church. Under the guidance and gifting of capable and competent teachers, our Sunday AM Life Groups help learners of all ages explore God’s Word and make positive life changes through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our classes offer a friendly, exciting environment for studying the Bible, addressing current issues, and training members for advancement in the ministry. We offer classes from nursery to adults. The children and youth classes are listed in their respective sections.

CROSSROAD YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Many young adults find themselves at a fork in the road; leaving home, college, full-time work, marriage, etc. Our group meets every Sunday at 6:00pm in the Roots Room to study the Word and enjoy good company. This group is for high school seniors and older.

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES

A class for young couples meets in the Connection Room on Wednesday nights at 6:30 to study the Bible and learn Godly principles to strengthen their marriage, raise their children, build friendships, and serve the Lord. Learn what God’s Word says about our marriage and our family.

YOUNG AT HEART

Monthly meetings for everyone 50 and older provide a fun environment of good food, fellowship, and entertaining speakers. They meet on the second Saturday of each month at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Periodically, this group participates in trips, outings, and special events.

Women's & Men's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Women's Ministry helps ladies grow in their relationship with Christ. This is done by helping them find their own unique gifts and talents. These gifts can then be used to help them grow into a spiritually strong team of servant leaders. In turn, these leaders will seek out ways to effectively encourage, equip, and evangelize other women in and outside the church.

Women's Ministries sponsors a yearly Single Moms' Day Out to minister to moms in our community who face a huge challenge raising their children on their own.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

This ministry helps disciple men so they can become devoted followers of Christ and leaders in their family, church, and community. The leaders create an environment for men to grow together in life's adventures, build strong relationships, and provide a place to come and share their needs, blessings, and triumphs.

Ministries of Care

CARE PASTORS NETWORK

A church-wide team of men and women each dedicated to caring for a small group of families and individuals. Inspired by the book "Can the Pastor Do It Alone," these "Care Pastors" are trained to provide care for their group with five points of contact; a personal home visit, Sunday connections, times of crisis, monthly phone contact, and special days of celebration. Each Care Pastor is held accountable to a standard defined with the acronym C.A.R.E.;

- Contact each family in a prescribed way
- Availability — be available to your flock
- Remember — to pray for each family regularly
- Example — to provide a Christian example

ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND, & HOSPITAL VISITS

Visitation to those members of our church who cannot come to church due to age, physical limitations, or stays in the hospital.

FOOD FOR BEREAVED

Volunteers prepare food for the funerals of church members or their immediate family. The team delivers the food to the place designated by the family and stay to serve and clean up after the meal.

FOOD FOR NEW MOMS

Volunteers prepare food for the family of new moms.

GREETER, HOST, & HOSTESS MINISTRY

Each week, volunteers greet and meet people at the church doors and hand out newsletters. Often they guide visitors to ushers or others that can answer questions and assist them.

INFORMATION BOOTH

The Information Booth is located in the front foyer. Books are available for sale and CDs of each sermon can be ordered. (Sermons are also available on our website.) There is information on upcoming special events and also information about the church and its ministries. Open Sunday mornings from 10:10 to 10:30.

NEWCOMERS' MINISTRY

We are committed to ensuring visitors are warmly welcomed and then follow up with contact from the church office or those on the team. The goal of this ministry is to initiate contact with visitors and help direct them into a place where he/she can find their place of service. Activities include events such as welcome luncheons and providing information that educates newcomers on all that the church offers.

OFF-CAMPUS SUPPORT MINISTRY

These services are provided to support the congregation when they find themselves in need of assistance. This ministry puts "shoe leather" on the gospel. Those involved in this ministry will assist those within the body with activities such as car care, yard work, handyman work, and house cleaning, when needed. Other opportunities include sitting with the elderly and running errands.

Outreach & Missions

BRIDGES OF HOPE

A ministry to the people of Bay County through a community service outreach by providing a food pantry, GED classes, and a thrift store open every Tuesday from 10:00am - 12:00pm. GED classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:00pm.

MISSIONS TEAM

The focus of this team is to support our missionaries that fulfill the command to "go into the all the world making disciples of all men." This team is responsible for planning, organizing, and carrying out the annual missions banquet. Other activities include corresponding with those missionaries in the field.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

A team of volunteers from First Assembly provides a church service to those unable to attend a regular service including music, preaching of the Word, and prayer. They also bring encouragement and a caring concern for people who society sometimes forgets.

SUM

SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary is an opportunity for potential Christian leaders to be developed and placed into the 5-fold ministry. The church body is needed in many ways, but specifically to lead ministries and evangelism teams into this city. Every week we go into various places in the city, presenting the gospel and caring for the lost, but we are always looking for more leaders and volunteers to strengthen the outreach core of First Assembly.

ADULT CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM

Membership on the Praise Team and Adult Choir are positions of Christian leadership. The primary function is to lead the congregation in true worship under the guidance of the Holy spirit. Adult Choir membership is open to everyone with no audition required. Anyone interested in serving on the Praise Team/Band are encourage to set up an appointment with the Worship Leader. An audition is required.

SOUND ENGINEER

The Sound Engineer Team ensures that the sound equipment is ready for use and there is quality sound for ministry.

Multi-Media / Communications / Technology

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It takes multiple teams of volunteers to provide quality presentations, good communication, and technology. These teams include:

- Photography
- Lights
- Website
- Social Media

Prepare the House

PREPARE THE HOUSE

Various activities are provided to keep the church campus in good repair, secure and ready for service to our King. Other activities serve the congregation. These include but are not limited to:

- Church Campus Care
- Touch-point
- Security
- Special Event Leaders
- Special Event Meals
- Bus / Van Ministry: On Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, a team of volunteers pick up youth and adults within the community who are una-

ble to get to the church to help them be a part of our church community.

- Ushers: Welcome everyone to our sanctuary and assist finding seating or provide other information. They distribute special hand-outs when requested and receive the offering.

Hispanic Ministry

ARBOL DE VIDA HISPANIC CHURCH

First Assembly helps serve the Hispanic people of our church and community by providing a facility to hold church services where they can receive ministry and minister to each other. They meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday nights at 6pm and Wednesday nights at 6:30pm.