

Brentwood Baptist Glossary

By Department



Brentwood Baptist

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COMMUNICATIONS

Audio-for-Video (also called Broadcast Audio or Studio Audio)

An audio mixing station controlled separately from the audio mix for a live in-room experience; this audio mix is done separately for optimum control and appropriateness for electronic delivery, such as webcasts, podcasts, and delivery on CDs and DVDs.

Bulletin

One of the primary communication channels of the church, distributed weekly in the various worship service venues.

CCTV

“Closed Circuit Television” – The system used to transmit a video and audio signal to a specific place on a limited set of monitors. The Brentwood Baptist Church CCTV system provides digital signage, live video of worship services, and local and national television network channels.

Communication Card

A printed, vertical card provided to guests and members in the Brentwood campus worship services that serves to register the attendance and personal data for first-time guests as well as provides a vehicle for members and regular attenders to update their church records. The card also provides a means for submitting prayer requests and areas of interest in church ministries.

Communication Channels

The various tools, methods, and devices used to share, display, and/or distribute communication and promotional messages to a targeted group.

Communication Channels Grid

A database-driven document used by the Communications Ministry to plan, place, organize, and display individual messages and/or pieces of promotional campaigns into the various communications channels available.

Communications Ministry

The area of ministry that provides strategies, services, and resources to effectively support and advance the mission and ministries of Brentwood Baptist Church. These strategies, services, and resources are accomplished through two distinct divisions of the ministry: marketing and media.

Communications Operations Manual

A document provided to staff and other constituencies that defines standards, protocols, policies, and procedures for the philosophical principles and operational functions of Brentwood Baptist Church communications.

Communications Requisition (or Comm Req)

An electronic form available on the church Intranet used to request the services of the Communications Ministry.

Control Room

A room that's isolated from the venue itself but that houses and controls technical functions for the venue, such as video switching for broadcasting programming and mainframe racks for other technical media systems.

Digital Signage

Video displays around the church campus that exhibit pre-designed messages of church programs, events, and activities for the purpose of promotion.

Front-of-House

The area in any venue in which the technical support control systems are located, including audio mixing boards, lighting consoles, and computers and switchers for video and graphic displays.

Image Magnification

The practice of using video projection technology and large format screens to enhance the worship experience by 1) using a video camera to impose a live image of the pastor or primary subject, "magnifying" them for the viewer 2) projecting supplemental worship content, including song lyrics and video presentation packages.

Marketing

The division of the Communications Ministry that provides strategies, services, and resources to support the mission and ministries of the church through the disciplines of promotion, advertising, public relations, branding and graphic design, and Internet strategy and web development.

Media

The division of the Communications Ministry that provides strategies, services, and resources to support the mission and ministries of the church through the disciplines of audio, video, lighting production, worship media presentation, broadcast systems, and technical media infrastructures.

On-Demand

Delivery of audio and video content from church worship services and other ministry events and resources through the Internet. On-demand refers to the content's availability at any time after the worship service or event has taken place through the organization of the content as archived files.

Podcasting

A podcast (or non-streamed webcast) is a series of digital media files of church worship services and events (either audio or video) that are released episodically and often downloaded through web syndication.

Print Shop

The area designated in the Communications Ministry in which Communications-directed activities of digital printing, cutting, and folding takes place.

Project Management System

Refers to both a process and a web-based application used to manage the workflow of the Communications Ministry projects and personnel. The system is the central hub and driver for most all of the executable assignments given to the Communications Ministry team members for production.

Project Manager

The manager and driver of the project management system.

Social Networking

A web-based service focused on building and reflecting of social networks or social relations among people (i.e. who share interests and/or activities). For Brentwood Baptist Church, the primary social networking services used are Facebook and Twitter.

Streaming

Progressively delivering audio and video content from church worship services and other ministry events and resources through the Internet. Streaming is delivered both “live” and as archived content.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Benevolence Team

A volunteer committee that considers and responds to benevolent requests. The benevolence phone line is 615.324.6179.

Building Blocks for Marriage

A four-week, six-hour premarital seminar offered four times each year. Couples who complete the course qualify for the marriage license discount if they're married in Tennessee.

Congregational Care

Refers to the pastoral care needs within the congregation. This includes, but is not limited to, mental and emotional health counseling, grief counseling, relationship counseling, pre-marital counseling, funeral planning, marriage planning, benevolent care, and hospital care.

Deacons

Men who are elected and ordained by the church to act in a pastoral care role. The deacons' responsibilities include, but are not limited to: hospital visitation, bereavement visitation, serving the Lord's Supper, ministry to the widows, and assisting with baptism.

DivorceCare

A 13-week program of grief management that uses both a video and a small group format.

Healing Prayer Service

A monthly service of prayer for healing.

Lord's Supper

A worship ordinance of the church in remembrance of Christ's atoning death. The Lord's Supper is conducted at least quarterly at the recommendation of the worship planning team.

Minister-on-Call

A minister of the church who's on call to take the pastoral care calls during a specific assigned period. He/She is responsible to visit the hospital, care for the grieving, and take other calls as needed.

Minister-on-Site

A minister of the church who's in the building on Friday, the usual day off for ministers. He/she is available to meet any pastoral care needs at the church campus.

Nurture Team

Ministers primarily to those families not already active in a community-based LIFE Group or Bible study during times of childbirth, illness, and death in the family. In addition, this ministry assists LIFE Groups or Bible studies in caring for families in extended circumstances.

Support Group

A group that has been established to meet a particular therapeutic need. The group may be an open group or a closed group. Some meet for a set length of time and some are open-ended. Support groups are led by a trained facilitator and have specific goals.

DENOMINATION**Baptist Faith and Message**

A belief statement of the Southern Baptist Convention. It's been reissued periodically over the years. At Brentwood Baptist, we've adopted the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message as our doctrinal statement. It's available at: baptiststart.com/print/1963_baptist_faith_message.html

International Mission Board (IMB)

A missionary-sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) that operates in virtually every nation in the world (except the United States and Canada which is covered by the North American Mission Board [NAMB]). Several Brentwood Baptist members are currently serving as IMB missionaries in the Pacific Rim, Europe, and Africa.

Nashville Baptist Association (NBA)

A collection of Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) churches in the Nashville area.

North American Mission Board (NAMB)

A missionary-sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) covering the United States and Canada. Several Brentwood Baptist members are currently serving as NAMB missionaries in Nashville, California, and Montana.

Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)

A Christian denomination based in the United States. It's the world's largest Baptist denomination and the largest Protestant body in the U.S. with more than 16 million members and more than 42,000 churches. Brentwood Baptist Church is a member of the SBC.

Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC)

The statewide organization of churches associated with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in the state of Tennessee. The offices are located in Brentwood, Tennessee, and several members of Brentwood Baptist work at the TBC.

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Outreach and fellowship time for high school students.

Fifth Grade Mission Journey

Summer mission journey that allows all interested fifth graders to participate in a weeklong trip where they provide leadership to a local church during VBS. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

ABCs of Becoming a Christian

This simple method is often used to communicate with a child the basic truths related to a person's understanding of the knowledge needed to move toward salvation.

A = Admit

B = Believe

C = Commit

Allergy Alert

These signs are posted at the entrance of each classroom door. It lists all food or items that might create an allergy concern while the child is in the care of Brentwood Baptist.

Anvil

Annual guys' retreat for grades 6-12.

Background Checks

All Brentwood Baptist volunteers serving in the ministry areas of preschool, children's, or student must complete a background check form and have a cleared form on file in the HR department before serving long-term with these generational groups.

Bible Drill

This program is for grades 3-5 and focuses on Bible memory. Each child is asked to memorize 25 key passages, the books of the Bible, and be able to locate the verses in the Bible in less than 10 seconds. The classroom sessions are provided for the child to practice for the church, associational, and state Bible Drill.

Breakfast Club

A Sunday morning Bible study at 8:00 a.m. for students.

Brentwood Young Children's School (BYCS)

A well-respected weekday ministry for preschoolers (ages two to pre-K) that teaches kindergarten prep activities and age-appropriate curriculum by highly-trained staff in state-of-the-art facilities. Enrollment for this program begins in January.

Bye-Bye Buggy

A six-seat ride for younger preschool that aids the classroom teachers to transport the children around the church during the time the children are in the care of Brentwood Baptist.

Catalyst Events for Students

Major student events that move students from one spiritual level to the next (i.e. Summer Camp, Fall Retreat, etc.).

Centri-Kid Camp

A weeklong camp for children who have completed grades 3-5. Provided by LifeWay and staffed by a team of college students and young adults, this camp offers group Bible study, recreation, group learning activities, and team interaction. Each year, it takes place at area colleges or university campuses.

Childcare

Care provided for preschoolers and children during regular services and special events. There's a three-hour maximum for a period of consistent childcare.

Childcare Reservation

Must be made by calling the reservation line to reserve a space for your child to attend a scheduled childcare time period.

Children's Small Group

As a portion of KidLife for children, the children are placed in same gender groups. During the 30-minute session, the group leaders provide Bible skills, discussion, and group activities.

Children's Ministry Greeters

These volunteers are present at each Welcome Desk to greet families and aid first-time visitors with classroom placement, nametags, security, and general questions.

Christ-centered Life

The Christ-centered life is a lifelong journey in which people are progressively transformed in such a way that the personality and deeds of Jesus Christ naturally flow out from them where they live, work, and play. This process of transformation leads one to answer the questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I? What are my next steps?

Crown Financial

An excellent Bible study to help students learn what the Bible says about money, possessions and stewardship. This study begins with the heart and then seeks to apply these principles to personal finances and whole-life stewardship.

Curriculum Map

The approved discipleship resource guide populated by segments of the Spiritual Formation Continuum and foundational areas of spiritual maturity.

Decision Counseling

This is provided by a trained group of volunteers and staff members who are available to talk with and share with those who need spiritual advice at the conclusion of worship, during VBS, or during weekly scheduled appointments.

Discipleship Center

A location in the church (currently in the Atrium and Connection Center) where people can go to receive information about the various ministries and opportunities offered for discipleship at Brentwood Baptist.

Discipleship/Spiritual Formation

Lifelong journeys in which people are progressively transformed so that the personality and deeds of Christ naturally flow out of them where they live, work, and play.

E-Learning

An online delivery system for learning and training that supports the discipleship/spiritual formation journey.

Emerging Adults/Young Adults

Any adult, married or single, between the ages of 20-34.

Emerging Generations Ministry

A designation used for ministry to preschoolers, children, and students.

Family Night

An event that takes place on the last evening of VBS that allows the preschoolers and children to present the music, biblical content, and mission focus for the week.

Financial Peace

A 13-week, life-changing study on personal finance designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt, and achieve financial stability. All material is Bible-based and taught via an entertaining video by Dave Ramsey.

Focus Study

Studies that typically meet on campus during the week for a defined period of time (i.e. 6-12 weeks) that emphasize a particular topic of interest to some in our congregation (i.e. financial issues, family issues, apologetics, biblical themes, etc.).

Foundational Truth

Formed by the principles that preschool ministry is based on, it's the understanding children need to gain basic truths that are the foundational groundwork for developing a life in Christ.

GRL3

The mission statement that guides and directs the philosophy of girls' ministry within our Student Ministry: Girl to Girl, Girl to God, Girl to Go.

JourneyOn

The overall discipleship strategy of Brentwood Baptist Church.

KidLife

A mid-week discipleship program for kids (ages three years old to fifth grade) that combines the idea of small group and large group to allow the children to grow deeper in their personal walks with the Lord using a variety of activities related to a central biblical content. For preschoolers, the activities include missions, recreations, crafts and scripture memory. For children (grades 1-5), the session combines music and worship, missions, biblical content, scripture memory, recreation, and group interaction. This program runs from August to May.

KidLife Music

This graded choir program is for kids (ages three years old to fifth grade) and combines music education with worship preparation to teach children the true meaning of worship. The preschoolers provide worship leadership 2-3 times per year and the children provide worship leadership 8-10 times per year. KidLife Music runs from August to May.

Leadership Meetings

Quarterly, monthly, or weekly meetings to provide understanding of issues and concerns related to ministry areas.

Levels of Biblical Learning

This is a chart stating the age-appropriate learning concepts for preschoolers and children.

LIFE Group

Groups that meet together following the "JourneyOn" discipleship strategy. They meet any day of the week, may meet on or off campus, and may be co-ed or gender segmented. The basic functions of a LIFE Group include: Love one another, Involve ourselves in community, Focus on God's Word, and Engage the world.

LIFE Group Apprentice

An adult leader in training who's in the position to learn and gain experience from a LIFE Group mentor.

LIFE Group Cluster

A set of individual LIFE Groups.

LIFE Group Coach

A trained adult who oversees a network of LIFE Group leaders.

LIFE Group Leader

A trained LIFE Group facilitator.

LIFE Groups for Students

Small groups of 6-12 students divided on the basis of grade and gender.

Marketplace

This is a hands-on learning environment that allows children to use multiple modalities to learn what life might have been like in a previous generation. Each week in Marketplace, we focus on the same biblical content that is being shared in Children's Bible Study and "Brings the Story to Life." Marketplace is open during the 9:30 and 11:00AM hours most weeks.

Marketplace Connection

A weekly e-mail that's provided for parents whose children attend Marketplace. This information provides a brief overview of the daily biblical content and includes questions for parent/child discussion throughout the week.

Men's Ministry

A ministry that exists to help men get connected and encourage one another to be godly men in their personal lives, families, workplace (or school), churches, and the world. Believing that most life change happens "life-on-life," the focus of this ministry is men's small groups.

Mission 615

Middle school summer local mission initiative.

Most Valuable Parents (MVP)

A seven-week rotation of parents who provide support to the classroom teacher in preschool ministry. Each week is identified by a color and the adults are placed in the needed classrooms during 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Most Valuable Parents Rotation Teams

A group of seven “color-coordinated” teams serves in the preschool ministry. Each team has 25-30 people.

Movement

The spiritual growth and journey of a Christian is never static so there should be movement toward Christ and a Christ-centered life.

New and Expectant Parents (NEP)

Parents who are expecting a child or who have a child under the age of two. This ministry provides bi-monthly dinners and coffees and provides a variety of topical issues related to parenting, childbirth, and children.

New and Expectant Parents Team

Teams of 7-10 couples who plan, decorate, attend, and build relationship with the families who attend the NEP dinners and coffee events.

New Christian’s Class for Children

A four-week class provided, throughout the year, to allow all children who are exploring Christ or who have recently asked Jesus to come into their hearts to gain a deeper understanding of the meaning behind the decision. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this class with their child.

New Member Class for Students

Quarterly class for all students interested in church membership.

Parent Adventure Team

This group of parents provides advice and leadership to the BYCS staff in areas related to policies, programming and parents.

Parent Child Dedication (PCD)

Provided on a quarterly basis for parents of young children. This worship service allows the parents to gain a better understanding of their personal responsibility of being a Christian parent and seeing their child has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Parent Child Dedication Orientation Class

Provided to all parents who are ready to participate in Parent-Child Dedication. The class provides a general overview of the dedication service itself, why we do it, and the meaning behind the service.

Parent Focus Night

A meeting for all parents of students in grades 6-12 that takes place twice a year to pray and communicate to parents our vision, what we do and why, and highlight various opportunities.

Parent LIFE Group

Wednesday night small group for parents of students.

Parent Passages

An in-depth approach to assist parents in building an intentional framework in which to facilitate spiritual growth in their child.

Plan of Salvation

The process of sharing a simple method of how to become a Christian. This plan should always point a person to selected Scripture.

Prayer Intercessors

Individuals who commit to pray for others both privately and corporately.

Prayer Ministry

Helps individuals learn to pray, encourages them to talk to God on a daily basis, provides resources to facilitate individual and corporate prayer, and offers a variety of opportunities for individuals to pray with others.

Prayer Pager

A prayer ministry, which utilizes electronic technology, via a numeric pager, to directly and immediately notify individuals in crisis or need of extra nurture and support that prayers have just been prayed on their behalf.

Prayer Room

A set apart room for the purpose of praying 24/7 for the needs of members of our church, people in our community, kingdom purposes, and our state, nation, and world. Prayer Intercessors commit to be present in the prayer room for at least one hour each week.

Praying for the Unconnected

A set apart time each quarter for prayer intercessors to pray together for those who are unconnected to Christ.

Preschool and Children's LIFE Group Teacher

A teacher is considered a biblical leader for preschoolers and children. These volunteers are placed in classrooms where there is at least one other adult. Teachers are screened, trained, and resourced before entering the child's classroom.

Preschool and Children's LIFE Groups

Provided each Sunday morning at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., this program offers age-appropriate Bible learning skills related to eight foundational teaching skills—God, Jesus, the Bible, creation, the Church, self, community, and world. Two additional

concepts are added to the scope and sequence during the later childhood years. They are Holy Spirit and baptism. By focusing on these areas, parents trust that we are providing Bible-based learning activities that lay the foundation and lead to personal transformation.

Preschool and Children's Ministry Check-in

A computerized program is provided to all preschoolers and children to accomplish session nametags, security check-in, allergy information, room numbers, and weekly totals.

Preschool and Children's Ministry Principles and Policies

Guidelines that are provided to parents and Brentwood Baptist members to inform them of the rules related to the valuable ministry.

Preschool, Children's, and Student Ministry Interns

Positions that allow upcoming adults the opportunity to see ministry up close. Each part-time position is focused on one primary area but participates with all areas of ministry.

Preschool or Children's Welcome Desk

Located on the preschool wing and the children's wing, these desks are manned by staff and volunteers to help meet the needs of visitors and members of Brentwood Baptist. All desks are equipped with computers, phones, and First Aid kits.

Preschool Wing Coordinator

A position that supports the Preschool Minister in carrying out the classroom demands on Sunday mornings. Coordinators provide weekly contacts with classroom volunteers, are present on Sunday morning, visit classrooms, support teachers, provide official room counts, secure needed supplies, aid in promotion, enlistment and leadership training.

Project Greenhouse

A Girls' Ministry initiative that has high school girls ministering to middle school girls in clusters.

Prospect

A person who visits Brentwood Baptist and expresses interest in continuing to visit and possibly placing membership in the future.

Resource Rooms

Rooms that are provided for all preschooler and children's volunteers. Each room is stocked with age-appropriate consumable supplies for the teachers to use to teach weekly classes.

Safety and Security (Name Tags)

One of the many systems in place to provide needed protection for all preschoolers and children. Our goal is to make sure children always feel safe in our care and that parents feel the security of facilities, staff, programming, and volunteers.

Scope and Sequence

The plan for moving a preschooler, child, or student along the process of spiritual development by using age-appropriate curriculum.

Senior Adult Fellowship Dinner

A monthly dinner that takes place on the third Thursday Night of each month for adults, 55 years of age and older.

Senior Adult Ministry

Ministry opportunities, programs, and activities designed especially for adults, 55 years of age and older.

Senior Recognition

A time to recognize graduating seniors, usually in the worship service and with a luncheon, but details are changing.

Sent Table

LIFE Group mission emphasis is coordinated here.

Snowball

Annual girls' retreat for grades 6-12.

Special Needs

A ministry that supports families of children with varied degrees of special needs.

Spiritual Formation Continuum

A predictive description of how people grow spiritually.

Spiritual Growth Plan

An intentional personalized strategy (plan) that moves one from exploring Christ to a Christ-centered life.

Spiritual Transformation

The continuing process of life and experience in which we are progressively formed, conformed, and transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

Student Bible Study

A Sunday morning worship and Bible Study experience for grades 6-12.

Student Leadership Team (SLT)

A team of high school students who are mentored by adult leaders and then lead a small group of students in discussion following the master teacher time during Sunday morning Bible study.

Student Leadership Team Mentors

A group of adult leaders who each mentor 10 SLT students.

Student Ministry

Intentional ministry designed to reach students in grades 6-12 as well as their families.

Student Ministry Core Values

To worship, journey, belong, and move.

Summer Play Days

An eight-week program is for preschoolers and is provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a fee. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes a variety of age-appropriate activities. Registration begins in February.

Training Event

Events that provide training to volunteers in areas related to Bible study, learning styles, disciplines, curriculum, and other needs as they arrive.

Tuition

Fees collected for a variety of events and activities such as Centri-Kid, mission projects or journeys, BYCS, Summer Play Days, and needed fees.

Tutoring

Free tutoring is offered for students on Wednesday afternoons in the Connection Center.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

A five-day evangelistic event for older preschoolers and children. This summer themed-related event uses a daily biblical content to create interest for the children by providing worship, recreation, small group Bible study, music, and snacks.

Vacation Bible School Directors

Volunteers who are considered to be the classroom leaders and lead teachers in all VBS classrooms.

Vacation Bible School Follow-up

A program that focuses on the children and families who attend VBS but are not connected to the membership of Brentwood Baptist. The follow-up contacts are made via phone calls, letters or e-mails, and personal visits.

Vacation Bible School Work Night

Provided for all VBS volunteers to plan, prepare and complete all room activities to get ready for VBS week.

Volunteer Requirements

Each volunteer serving with preschoolers, children, or students must be a growing Christian who has visible signs of bearing fruits of the Spirit. They must be a member to serve as a consistent Bible study teacher. They must be willing to provide needed background information and a secured background check. They must attend training and teach from the biblical content provided by the Preschool and Children's Ministry staff.

Windows

A monthly newsletter for those adults who are 55 years and older.

Women's Ministry

Exists to draw women into a more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ by connecting women through worship, discipleship, and service.

Worship Rally

The opening segment of a VBS day where children are introduced to the daily biblical content, music, and worship.

X17

Taking its name from Exodus 17, individuals commit to prayer during the week and especially on Sunday for our pastor, our worship leaders and our worship services.

FACILITIES

Atrium

The large lobby area outside the Worship Center on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church.

Baskin Chapel

A traditionally-styled, multi-purpose venue on the main campus of Brentwood Baptist Church that serves primarily as a wedding and funeral venue. Named for the Randall Baskin family, the primary benefactor.

Connection Bookstore

A full-service bookstore located in the Connection Center on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church.

Connection Café

A food and drink service facility located in the Connection Center on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church.

Connection Center

A facility on the Brentwood Campus of Brentwood Baptist Church that adjoins the rest of the facilities but is unique in its design and purpose. It features a large venue, Hudson Hall, the Connection Café, the Connection Bookstore, and a number of small group breakout rooms. A multi-purpose facility, the Connection Center primary serves the Student Ministry, Kairos, and the 8:00 and 11:11 a.m. worship services on Sundays.

Connection Center Atrium

The open traffic area of the Connection Center that spans from the indoor basketball courts to the Connection Bookstore.

Connection Center Lobby

The open area of the Connection Center located just inside Entrance G and surrounding the Connection Center reception desk.

Connection Center Reception

The desk in the Connection Center located just inside Entrance G.

Hudson Hall

The large multi-purpose venue located in the Connection Center that serves primarily as a worship venue for Sunday mornings, Kairos, and Student Ministry. A flat floor and retractable bleachers add to the room's versatility. Named for Joe Hudson, the church member responsible for managing all construction projects on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church from 2000-2010.

Inman Deaf Center

The facility designated for the Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church and its various ministries and programs. Consists of the Inman Deaf Chapel, deaf education space, and Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church administrative offices. Named for the Gordan Inman family, the primary benefactor of the Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church's facilities.

Inman Deaf Chapel

The primary worship gathering venue for the Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church specially designed and constructed to benefit the worship experience for the deaf and hearing impaired. Also serves as a multi-purpose venue for other Brentwood Baptist Church ministries and activities.

Library

Located just off of the Atrium on Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church.

Parlor

The intimate, multi-purpose gathering room just outside the Worship Center.

Reception

The desk positioned between Baskin Chapel and Wilson Hall that serves as the telephone switchboard and approach point for Sunday and weekday inquiries. Also serves as the drop point for deliveries, lost and found, and pick-ups.

Welcome Desk

A general information desk operated on Sundays by volunteers, located in the Atrium of the Worship Center.

West Concourse

The lengthy hallway on the west side of the church facilities that serves as the primary pedestrian passageway from the Worship Center to the Connection Center.

Wilson Hall

A large multi-purpose venue on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church designed to be subdivided into seven smaller spaces. The presence of an adjacent full-service kitchen makes this venue ideal for banquet-style events. Named for Brentwood Baptist Church's first full-time pastor, Bill Wilson, who served for 20 years.

Worship Center

The largest of the worship venues on the Brentwood campus of Brentwood Baptist Church. It also refers to the primary worship space at the Station Hill campus.

KAIROS

Kairos

A modern worship experience targeting emerging adults ages 18-35 that meets at Brentwood Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Kairos Greeter Team

The friendly faces of Kairos that tackle all of welcoming, from the entrances to the Connection Center to the entrances to Hudson Hall. They also serve as ushers and the key question-answerers for anyone who is lost.

Kairos Hospitality Crew

Connection Ministry offering free coffee, granola bars, delicious fruit snacks, and Chick-Fil-A. They shop during the week and set up/tear down on Tuesday nights to make sure no one goes hungry.

Kairos Impact

The missions ministry of Kairos that works locally with Community Outreach Ministries (rehabbing drug addicts), Nashville Rescue Mission, and Room in the Inn (homeless ministries), and nationally with Set Free Skid Row (homeless/hurting/addicted ministry) in Los Angeles.

Kairos Interact

The orientation ministry for Kairos who help attenders survey their options and get involved with others, Bible studies, social events, etc.

Kairos Intersect

The discipleship ministry of Kairos where real life and the Word intersect. Intersect groups hang out, learn, and grow together with like-minded people in an authentic community seeking to follow Christ. New groups start several times during the year. Small group Bible studies (i.e. girls, guys, co-ed) meet every day of the week and topics change each term.

Kairos Mentorship/Counseling

A little known resource at Kairos. A number of mature, wise Christians walk alongside attenders and encourage them in their walks with God through one-on-one mentoring relationships. Premarital counseling is also offered three times during the year.

Kairos Missional Living

The embodiment of the mission of Jesus in the world by incarnating the gospel. It's the call for Kairos to be like Jesus by living freely within the culture as missionaries who are as faithful to the Father and his gospel as Jesus was in His own time and place.

Kairos Production Team

The team responsible for audio, video, and lighting.

Kairos Roots

A modern worship experience with a different format that meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. With a time of worship and a message, this service also offers a small group discussion regarding the topic of the night.

Kairos Sports Adventure (KSA)

Connection point for Kairos—building relationships with others, learning more about who God is, and discovering new talents. No skills are required. The catch all of activities: sports, outdoors, museums, roller-skating, trekking to the Pacific Rim, etc.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE**Acts 1:8 Ministry Plan**

An annual strategic plan for the church reflecting key objectives, goals, methods, and measurements for the coming year.

Administrative/Support Staff

A title assigned to those on staff providing administrative and other forms of support to the ministries and management of the church.

Apprenticeships

The concept that the leadership pipeline is best filled when every leader replicates themselves by identifying, equipping, and empowering an apprentice.

Brentwood Baptist Leadership Institute

A formalized, church-based leadership training program that utilizes internships, apprenticeships, and residency programs to equip and deploy leaders.

Bylaws

The Brentwood Baptist Bylaws serve as the legal and practical framework for governing the work of the church.

Church Business Meeting

A meeting of the church members scheduled quarterly and on a called basis as needed to act on a resolution.

Church Goals

What we specifically want to accomplish towards our strategic objectives in the coming year using our methods and measurements.

Church Objectives

Our overarching strategies that express, in broad terms, the outcomes we hope to achieve.

Internships: Short- and mid-term church based training for older high school, college, and seminary students.

Key Leader

One who provides point person leadership to a team, class, program, or ministry.

Leader Pipeline

The Brentwood Baptist goal and process of continually providing trained leaders for every level of church and kingdom ministry.

Measurements

The key metrics that determine if we're successful in achieving the strategic objectives.

Methods (Methodologies)

The tactics we use to achieve the strategic objectives.

Ministry Plumb Lines

Agreements that set the foundation for how we will prioritize and make decisions as a church and as a staff.

Minister

A title assigned to those on staff providing spiritual care and guidance to the congregation.

Minister-in-Residence

A multi-year church based training program for those called into full-time vocational ministry in the local church.

Model-Netics

A ministry management curriculum designed to equip leaders to manage and lead the ministries of the church.

Pastor

A title assigned to the two staff spiritual overseers of the church: Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Consists of the staff heads of each department of the church, the Senior Pastor, and the Associate Pastor.

Staff Resource Team (SRT)

A standing committee of the church appointed to assist the Trustees in the oversight and organization of the church staff.

Stewardship Team

A standing committee of the church appointed to assist the Trustees in the financial management and oversight of the church.

TNT

“Timothy and Titus” is a yearlong advanced leadership training program for laity.

Town Hall Meeting

A meeting of the church members to provide information and to receive feedback on a proposed resolution.

Trustees

A 12-person lay leadership team elected by, and accountable to, the members to ensure ministry alignment, give oversight to the ongoing operations of the church, and provide counsel and support to the Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor.

Volunteer

One who offers him or herself for a place of service to a team, class, program, or ministry.

MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE

Attender

A person who is engaged in worship, discipleship, and service, but has not committed to join the church.

Awaiting Membership

A person who has made a commitment to join the church but has not yet completed all of the requirements for membership as stated in the "Bylaws of Brentwood Baptist Church" (section 6.3).

Baptism

The immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as a public testimony of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ symbolizing the death and burial of their old life (sin) and resurrection to new life in Christ.

Brentwood Baptist Mission Statement

The core ministry statement of Brentwood Baptist on which all the church's ministries are built: "Connecting people to Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship, and service; all covered with prayer and Christ-like love."

Clergy

Ministers serving on church staffs or in other ministries such as Lifeway or Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Connection Coaches

Trained consultants who meet in one-time sessions to encourage PLACE participants (one on one) in order to connect the PLACE profile dots, to answer the questions listed under "PLACE" definition and to work through the Spiritual Assessment (setting discipleship goals).

Connection Session

Scheduled time with a PLACE coach explaining how your personality traits fit together and identifying how God may want to use them for His service.

Core Values

The certain values that form our culture and are critical to every ministry goal and plan at Brentwood Baptist.

Guest

A person who has participated in any church function where first initial contact information has been collected.

Hospitality Ministry

This ministry recruits, trains, and coordinates volunteers to serve as ushers, greeters, parking lot missionaries, and welcome desk attendants.

Joining the church by statement of faith

Requesting membership in Brentwood Baptist based upon your testimony that you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and have been baptized by immersion.

Laity

All the members of Brentwood Baptist who are not clergy.

Life Calling

A believer's purpose—the big umbrella over the believer's ministry assignments.

Member

A person who has completed all of the requirements for membership as stated in the "Bylaws of Brentwood Baptist Church" (section 6.3).

Membership

Joining the church by transfer of letter. A means of joining this church by way of transferring membership from another Baptist Church of which you are a member to Brentwood Baptist. Requesting and granting the "letter" is a courtesy extended between Baptist churches informing previous church of your intentions.

Mentoring

A mentor is someone who walks alongside another believer who's seeking guidance/experience in an area of desired spiritual growth for him or herself. The match of a mentor/mentoree relationship is generally based on experiences of the mentor and the desire of the mentoree to grow in those same areas of their walk.

Ministry Assignment

What the Life Calling looks like at the present time. Life Calling doesn't change, but ministry Assignments may change many times during one's lifetime.

Mission and Vision Class

A class taught by Brentwood Baptist staff that provides new members and membership prospects with our core values, explains our church's ministry philosophy, what members can expect here, and what we expect from the members.

New Member Process

A process that begins by expressing ones desire to join Brentwood Baptist to a minister or Decision Counselor.

Parking Lot Missionaries

Volunteers who ensure that the entrance and exit to our lots flow smoothly and operate safely. They serve primarily on Sunday mornings and during special events.

PLACE

A five-part assessment (personality, spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and experiences) and a class designed to assist individuals in answering the questions: Who am I? Why am I here? To what ministry am I best suited?

PLACE Facilitators

Trained instructors who communicate biblical truths and researched data-enabling discussion and encouraging PLACE participants to find their true God's created design and life calling (six week classes).

PLACE Profile

The tally of the PLACE five-part assessment and the multi-part sheet it is recorded on.

PLACE Teachers

Trained instructors who communicate biblical truths and researched data encouraging PLACE participants to find their God created design and life calling (one-night classes).

Spiritual Assessment

A tool for personal discipleship appraisal in 30 areas (10 beliefs, 10 practices, and 10 virtues) to enable commitment at a deeper level.

Spiritual Decision

A decision made in obedience to the prompting (the influence) of the Holy Spirit resulting in life style change and spiritual growth.

MISSIONS

Affiliate Ministries

Ministries that Brentwood Baptist Missions Ministry has a relationship with and may support financially and/or with volunteer assistance but are not Hope for the World Missions Offering partners.

Affinity Groups

A loosely organized association of people who have similar interests and join together for mutual support and spiritual encouragement for the purpose of personal growth and reaching others.

Born Again

More accurately being “born from above.” The activity of the Spirit of God giving spiritual life to those who are spiritually dead based upon their belief that Jesus is the only source of life (see John 3:3,5).

Church Multiplication

The New Testament and most effective model for reaching lost people with the gospel that leads to measurable transformation within individuals and communities. Common expressions are: church planting, multi-site, church within a church, and the deployment of missional communities.

Church Multiplication Residency Program

The tool Brentwood Baptist will use to recruit, assess, train, and send leaders to start new expressions that lead to kingdom growth locally, nationally, and around the world.

Church Plant

An independent church body that is sent from a sponsoring organization to reach a particular people group (i.e. Set Free Nashville, Life Community, etc.).

Church Within a Church

An interdependent congregation that exists within a host church (i.e. Kairos, Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church, Chinese Congregation).

Community Ministries/Local Missions

Serving those in need in the greater Nashville area through major initiatives (i.e. Great Day of Service, Christmas food baskets, etc.) or smaller individual or group service projects that help meet the needs of our local ministry partner organizations.

Congregation

A people group that regularly gathers for worship.

Connection

Making friends or establishing relationship with others.

Evangelism

Showing and telling the good news of Jesus Christ where one lives, works and plays, then trusting God with the results.

Great Day of Service

A day in which the entire Brentwood Baptist congregation is encouraged to serve in a volunteer capacity in the local community at surrounding partner and affiliate organizations and ministries.

Hope for the World (HFTW)

An annual, yearlong offering designed to provide financial resources to our Brentwood Baptist Missions Ministry partners. Funds are designated to our local community, to aid in church multiplication, and to aid our global efforts.

Live, Work, and Play

The three areas where Brentwood Baptist members should live out their Christian faith with the goal of expanding the kingdom of God.

Ministry Partners

Mission-minded organizations or individuals that have been identified by Brentwood Baptist Missions Ministry and receive some level of financial or resource support through the Hope for the World Missions Offering.

Missio Dei

Translated as the Mission of God. God is the one who initiates and sustains mission; the church is God's partner in His agenda. Missio Dei is everything God does for the communication of salvation.

Mission

Everything the church is doing that points toward the kingdom of God.

Mission Journeys

Group or individual mission activities centered on serving the kingdom of God. The journeys are usually events that last several days outside of the local area.

Mission-minded

A person or church that is committed to missions programs and activities. While positive, mission-mindedness is not as comprehensive or transformative as missional.

Missional Christian

A Spirit-infused person who is passionate about God's worldwide purposes. He/she is one who embraces a missionary ethos where he/she lives, works, and plays and incarnates the gospel within a particular cultural context for His glory.

Missional Church

A body of believers that exhibits a spiritual depth, hunger and self-sacrifice that reaches beyond the maintenance mode of cultural Christianity and intentionally pursues the mission of Jesus to reach out to the world in all it says and does for His glory.

Missional Community

A group of Christ's followers united in prayer and mission to demonstrate and declare the gospel of Jesus and make disciples from within a specific people group.

Missions

Creatively meeting needs in order to present the gospel to people both like us and different from us at home and around the world.

Missions Advisory Group (MAG)

The leadership and advisory body to the Brentwood Baptist Missions Ministry staff that consists of a leader of each working group and acts as the governing body for missions with special focus on budget, policy, and strategy issues.

Missions Leadership Team (MLT)

Lay members of Brentwood Baptist who attend semi-annual meetings and serve as a liaison between the Brentwood Baptist Missions Ministry staff and the congregation.

Missions Service Coordinator

One person (who is not the teacher) in an adult Bible study class or small group that coordinates the local missions efforts for the group.

Multi-Site

One congregation that meets in multiple locations (i.e. video venue, regional campuses, satellite, Internet, etc.).

People Group

A cultural, ethnic, geographic, or passion-based collection of people who would naturally have a common ground.

Profession of Faith

A public verbal confession or declaration expression that a person believes in their heart that Jesus is Son of God and that they have asked Jesus to be their Savior (see Romans 10:9-10).

Regional Campus

A congregation dependent on a host church that serves as an extension of a main campus to reach a particular people group. One form of a multi-site is The Church At Station Hill.

Salvation

Being rescued from eternal separation from God through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the only means of obtaining eternal life (see Acts 4:12).

Small Outreach Groups

Groups of 4-10 people that connect Christians with non-Christians in a relaxed non-confrontational atmosphere for the purpose of examining the truths of the Christian faith.

Unconnected/Lost

The condition of a person who does not know Jesus as Savior (see Ephesians 2:12).

Working Group

A group of 4-5 members of the missions leadership team (MLT) that assist in one of the following areas: community ministries, global partnerships, Hope for the World Offering, missions education, or prayer and care.

WorkLife

An online coaching ministry, provided free of charge to Brentwood Baptist members and the people they work with, that seeks to equip Christians to have an effective ministry in their work environment.

STEWARDSHIP

Holistic Stewardship

Our belief that everything we have is the Lord's—our talents, families, resources, everything. He has simply allowed us to use these resources that we should be willing to give back to Him.

Offering Envelopes Color Code

White envelopes are to be used for budget giving. Blue envelopes are to be used for designated giving to ministries such as benevolence, building, missions, and RockBridge Foundation.

Offerings

Those gifts given to the Lord beyond the tithe.

RockBridge Foundation

Established by Brentwood Baptist Church to support the mission and ministries of our church through the planned giving of our members.

Stewardship

The management of assets that belong to someone else. In biblical terms, it means a Christian's management of the resources God has provided to them. Normally used in terms of what the Christian gives back to God.

Tithes

Historically, the tithe has been a 10 percent offering to the Lord from crops, livestock, money, or any other asset that has increased in value.

WORSHIP

Brentwood Worshiping Arts Center (BWAC)

The Brentwood Baptist-sponsored Fine Arts School offering one-on-one and group vocal and instrumental instruction/training in a Christian environment. Classes are offered in music, dance, drama, art, photography, and other artistic expressions.

Orchestra

The primary group of instrumentalists with a presentable balance of strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and rhythm section that lead in corporate worship.

Prayer and Altar Time

A designated time of meditation and prayer during corporate worship (worship services) at Brentwood Baptist.

Rhythm Section (or sometimes called “Band”)

A group of instrumentalists (who lead in corporate worship) consisting of piano (or main keyboard), drums, bass guitar, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, synth, and Hammond B-3 organ.

Sermon Series

A set of consecutive sermons over a period of time with one central theme and focus.

Student Orchestra

The group of high school age instrumentalists (and adult orchestra mentors) with a presentable balance of strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and rhythm section that lead in corporate worship.

Venue

A room where corporate worship (a worship service) takes place on a regular basis.

Vocal Ensemble

A larger group (usually 8-24) “on-mic” vocalists who join the worship leader either “out front” or from the choir loft or stage steps in leading the congregation during corporate worship.

Vocal Team

A small group (usually 3-6) “on-mic” vocalists who join the worship leader “out front” in leading the congregation during corporate worship.

Worship (Corporate) or Worship Service

The assembling of people (worship service) for the purpose of collectively and individually glorifying God through the flow and liturgy of worship elements specifically designed to encourage an appropriate and authentic response to God for who He is and what He has done.

Worship (Lifestyle)

Living your life according to Romans 12:1 and Hebrews 13:15-16.

Worship Choir

The primary singing group who helps lead the congregation during corporate worship.

Worship Leader

The person who stands before a Brentwood Baptist congregation with the responsibility (under the authority of God and the Senior Pastor) to direct the flow of the corporate worship service. This includes leading, prompting, and encouraging the people to respond through singing, prayer, reading of Scripture, and other forms of liturgy.